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New Wave of Weapons: Air Superiority Is Goal

$\pmb{U.S. \ Says \ Satellite\text{-}Guided \ Bombs}$ Will Outdo Its Gulf War Technology

WASHINGTON — The United States is developing satellite-guided bombs and other new "smart" weapons to dominate battlefields the way allied aircraft did in the Gulf War, the U.S. Air Force chief of carlf said Transdus. Air Force chief of staff said Tuesday.

The weapons, including launchers that compensate for wind direction and speed and new warheads that seek out specific targets without human guidance, will be available in a few years, said the official, General Ronald R.

"With air superiority, you can do everything," he said in an interview with defense writers. "Without air superiority, nothing is going to move on the

General Fogleman said be was en-couraged by the positive attitude of Congress toward the need for military modernization in the next decade and toward preserving the technological superiority that devastated the Iraqi Army from the air in the 1991 Gulf War.

"The next generation of preferred munitions that we have coming down the road will he things like wind-corrected munitions dispensers with sensor-fused weapons," he said. The general also emphasized sophisticated air

force weaponry called Jointly Directed Attack Munitions, or JDAMs.

These munitions will contain computer chips that allow space satellites to tell them exactly where they are relative to targets, improving pinpoint accuracy even beyond that of the laser-guided bombs used against Iraqi targets during the Gulf War.

"These munitions, I am convinced, will he available," General Fogleman said of the new family of smart weapons. "In fact, in no case do I see technical problems with this.'

The Pentagon is studying the need for strategic bombers, including whether to build 20 more B-2 Stealth bombers in addition to the 20 now planned by the air force.

Some critics have said that the nation cannot afford 20 more radar-avoiding B-2s at a cost of more than \$15 billion during a time when it is cutting the military budget

But General Fogleman said that no matter what decision emerged about the B-2, the United States would need strategie bombing capability to support land and naval forces.

"This is a tool that you cannot afford to not have in your toolbox," he said.



Coventry, England, for Jill Phipps, 31, who was crushed by a truck carrying yeal calves for export to the Continent.

ANIMAL-RIGHTS ACTIVIST MOURNED - Two of the more than 1,000 mourners at rites Tuesday in

CLA Agent Who Defected Suggests There Was Another Mole

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON — An escaped CIA turncoat says Soviet intelligence arranged for him to return to the United States under a false identity in June 1986, 10 months after he ited to Moscow and was charged with

During the clandestine trip, says the former agent, Edward Lee Howard, he read classified Justice De-

FBI officials, who recently became aware of Mr. Howard's assertions, made in memoirs written in Moscow, are trying to determine if it is a phony tale, intended to confuse and vex the United States, or a serious account requiring a hunt for a possible mole inside the bureau or the Justice Department.

The book, to be published by National Press Books late next month, also asserts that Mr. Howard was identified as a spy by a Soviet defector. Colonel Vitali

partment and FBI reports about his case delivered by a man who was "obviously not a Russian."

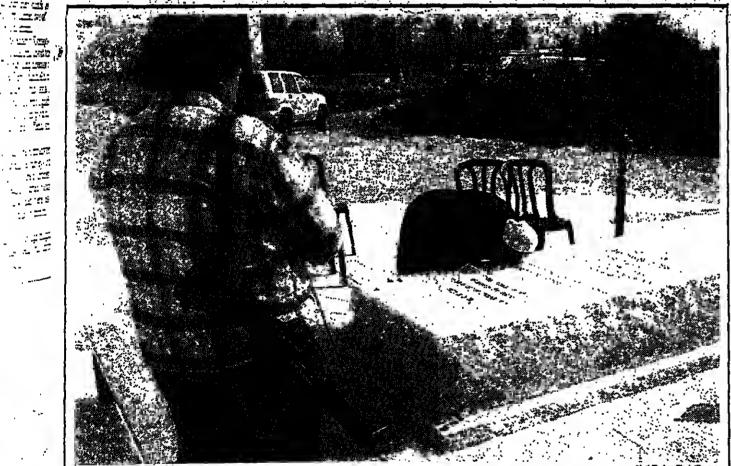
Yurchenko of the KGB, to deflect attention from a much more valuable KGB agent, Aldrich H. Ames, the former CIA officer who is now in prison.

Mr. Howard, who was dismissed by the CIA in 1983, fled the United States in September 1985 after being identified by Colonel Yurchenko. He has denied that he spied for the Soviet Union as the United States has charged, and sticks to that account in his book. While acknowledging that he has spoken to the KGB since leaving the country, he denies that he ever handed over the names of any U.S. agents.

But U.S. officials say Mr. Howard's informatioo was responsible for the expulsion of at least four CIA undercover officers from the Soviet Union in 1984 and 1985. In another case attributed to Mr. Howard, a Soviet scientist who was giving material to the CIA was arrested and later shot.

An advance copy of Mr. Howard's book, "Safe House" was obtained by The Washington Post. Its most startling assertion is of the clandestine trip to the

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BLOODY ANNIVERSARY - A Jewish settler on the West Bank watching Tuesday as another settler kissed the tomb of Baruch Goldstein, the U.S.-born doctor who killed 29 Palestinians in a Hebron mosque a year ago. Page 7.

23 Maverick Democrats Form Bloc

More Problems for Clinton

To Back Part of Republican Platform

By Jerry Gray New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - In a major break with their leadership in the House of Representatives, 23 moderate and conservative Democrats announced Tuesday that they had formed a voting bloc that would support many of the items of the Republicans' "Contract With America" and set its own agenda on other issues.

The move illustrates the divide between the generally liberal leadership of the House Democratic Caucus and a group of mostly Southern conservatives who until now have battled privately over the control and the direction of the Democratic Party.

Nevertheless, a leader of the breakaway Democrats, Representative Gary A. Condit of California, said the coalition was not hostile to the party's leadership.

"This is not the first step in a conspiracy to register as Republicans," he said. "We just believe that issues are more important than partisan politics."

The Democratic minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, said that he had met with Mr. Condit and some of his colleagues and that he had "a full under-standing of what they are saying and what they are doing."

There is a history of ioformal voting blocs in the House: for example, 50 conservative Southern Democrats known as the "Boll Weevils" backed President Ronald Reagan's economic measures in the early 1980s. But what Mr. Condit and his colleagues, who call themselves "the Coalition," unveiled on Tuesday goes well be-

The maverick Democrats have, in effect, established a shadow party within the Democratic Party with its own hierarchy
- Mr. Condit and two other co-chairmen, a group whip, three vice chairmen and a collection of policy panels — and its own agenda on welfare, crime, taxes, property rights, national security and government

The Democrats who gathered at a ocws conference oo Tuesday to announce their formation of the coalition have voted consistently with Republicans this year on items in the "Contract With America," including a balanced-budget amendment and crime legislation. Some also have had a major hand in rewriting parts of the

Mr. Condit was a co-author of legislation on unfunded mandates that the House passed three weeks ago, and the Republican's balanced-budget amendment bears the name of another coalition member, Representative Charles W. Stenholm, a Texas Democrat who co-wrote the compromise legislation that won passage.

The impact of the decisioo by the House Democrats goes well beyond their small

Republicans already bold a 230-to-204 majority over Democrats in the House; there is one independent, who generally votes with the Democrats. But support from the dissident Democrats could help Republicans get the two-thirds majority they oeed to override a presidential veto.

It is another blow to a Democratic Party that already was reeling from the November elections in which it lost control of the House for the first time in 40 years. It also makes public what had been private infighting between the moderate and conservative Democrats and the party's liberal leadership in the House.

France Fails To Persuade Partners on TV Quotas

EU Ministers Shy Away From the Call for War On Hollywood Imports

By Barry James

France lost a battle Tuesday in its bid to impose quotas oo foreign movies and television programs in Europe, but vowed to continue its war against the Hollywood imports it says are undermining European

Meeting in Bordeaux, and despite being wined and dined on the best the region has to offer, European Unioo culture ministers turned their backs on the French proposal.

Arguing that 80 percent of the movies circulating in Europe come from the Unit-ed States while only I percent of those shown in America originate in Europe, France has made the imposition of a quota system a prime goal of its six-month presi-dency of the Union's Council of Ministers.

The French communications minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, said that "a great variety of opinions" were expressed during the meeting. But French officials were unable to name any other EU member that openly supported the Freoch position, even though some countries, including Spain, Italy and Belgium, have expressed sympathy in the past.

Britain's Conservative government,

which generally rejects moves to closer European union, led the fight against the French demand.

The British secretary of state for national Heritage, Stepben Dorrell, a leading skeptic of closer European cooperation, announced that the weight of opinion was "heavily against" France. Asked if any country had supported the French posi-tion, he replied, "Nooe." Still, the French culture minister, Jac-

gres Toubon, said he would battle "to the end" to protect what he called the Conti-nent's cultural identity.

The EU commissioner in charge of au-

diovisual questions, Marcelino Oreja Aguirre of Spain, said all 15 nations agreed that a 1989 nonbinding community direc-tive called "Television Without Frontiers" needed revision, but were divided about

The directive calls on EU television netprograms are of European origin. But it says this should be done where practical, in effect allowing many octworks to show a heavy diet of non-European programs. mainly American made-for-TV series.

The new president of the commission, Jacques Santer of Luxembourg, angered French government officials last mooth by labeling quotas "artificial" and calling instead for a program of innovation in the audiovisual industry. He later said he did not rule out quotas ectirely, but added that

they were not a "miracle eure." Belgium and Spain, sharing France's concern that European identity is under threat, called for a measure that would require television oetworks to dedicate a fixed minimum proportioo of their budgets to European program-making, rather than making them toe the line oo quotas that are difficult to enforce. Germany argued that cultural heritage is best protected on the national level.

Mexican Rebels Win Key Plank On Ending War

By Tod Robberson Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY - The governor of southern Chiapas state announced Tuesday he would resign, fulfilling a major condition set by rebels there for ending an uprising that has been a source of financial and political instability in Mexico for 13

Governor Eduardo Robledo Rineón asked the Chiapas legislature for a leave of absence, the equivalent of resigning, at the same time President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León issued a new appeal in Mexico City for dialogue with the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army.

The president, reversing the new get-tough policy be announced last Thursday, said Tuesday that he had ordered the Mexican military to cease its offensive and had proposed an amnesty law for the rebels.

The moves by Mr. Zedillo and Mr. Robledo coincide with a government effort to shore up international financial confi-dence after the crash of the Mexican peso on Dec. 20. Like Mr. Zedillo, Mr. Robledo took of-

fice in early December, after heavily con-tested elections in which the Zapatistas and the leftist opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution asserted there was widespread vote fraud in Chiapas by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Since Mr. Robledo's inauguration, the Party of the Democratic Revolution has conducted a statewide campaign of civil disobedience while urging supporters to

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AGENDA

U.S. Agrees to New Bosnia Peace Plan The Contact Group - the United

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — President Bill Clinton has approved a plan by the Contact Group to offer Serbia a temporary lifting of UN sanctions if it recognizes Bosnia and other former Yugoslav republics, a senior U.S. official said Tuesday.

States, Russia, Germany, Britain and France — "signed off on the general approach," said the official, who added that the plan would be presented soon to President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia shortly.

Angolan Curse: Land Mines

A New Plan for Bosnia

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Hands Off! South Asia Goes to Women's Rescue

By Molly Moore
Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI—It is evening rush hour in New Delhi, and a police constable, Neclam Yadav, is undercover oo the capital's buses, where bodies are jammed tighter than pickles in a jar. Her mission: To seek out "Eve-teasers"—the gropers, pinchers and molesters who turn crowded commuting into daily battlegrounds for women.

The policewoman, 26, worms her way through the crush of commuters. Within minutes a bony man wearing a muffler squeezes next to her. His hand touches her thigh. She glares at him. He begins rubbing her thigh.

Busted! Miss Yadav clutches his wrist. Her partner, who has been monitoring the man's movements, shouts to the driver: "Stop the bus, we are from the Delhi police!" While booking the man, Miss Yadav is stunned to discover he is an off-duty policeman.

Miss Yaday is a member of the New Delhi police department's Anti-Eve-Teasing Squad, one of a number of innovative law enforcement efforts South Asian officials are using to combat a dramatic escalatioo in crimes against women. "Eve-teasing" is a peculiarly lodian euphemism for myriad sexual harassment offenses ranging from catcalls to physical assault.

In New Delhi alone, the oumber of rapes and molestation cases reported to the police by women has nearly doubled in the last five years. Much of the crime has been the result of dramatic changes in conservative South Asian societies where only a generation ago few women beld professional jobs and seldom ventured out alone. Now, partly because they move more freely in public. particularly in cities, women have become easier targets.

"Eve-teasing has increased over the years," said Meenu Jain, 19, a college student who has enrolled in a self-defense course. "The buses are very bad. They pack the buses and this gives the men total opportunity to

misbehave with us. On the streets they make comments, sing songs, whistle. If be is on a motorcycle, he comes close, touches you on your breasts and flees."

New statistics from the national Crime Record Bureau

back up Miss Jain's fears of increasing crime against women. The figures show that last year a crime was committed against a woman every 6 minutes, a rape every 47 minutes and an abduction of a woman every 44

But law enforcement officials and women victims say those numbers represent only a small fraction of the cases of crime against women. Reporting such crimes as rape and molestation is considered taboo and so damaging to a woman's reputation that few dare to file a

In addition, many laws in Pakistan, India and neighboring countries penalize female crime victims. In Islam-

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War-Torn Nation Faces a Hidden Foe for Years to Come

By Paul Taylor Washington Post Service

UTTO, Angola — Evangelisto, 10, was walking to a river with his mother. Domingo, 12, was fetching firewood, Rosetta, 13, was looking for food in the fields. Juan, 11, was playing in front of his house.

This much, they all can remember. But at the edge of the terror beyond, faces go hlank, aching eyes cast downward and tongues fall still. How does a child talk about

"I don't think I have ever worked with a group as sad as this," said Magne Raundalen, a Norwegian psychologist and Unicef consul-tant who has interviewed more than a thousand child victims of war around the world. He had just finished a group therapy session here with a dozen children who had stepped

Somebody once called land mines the devil's seed. If so, he planted one big crop in Angola. The country is home to an estimated 70,000 land-mine amputees — nearly 1 percent of its population. And there are more to

Angola still has an estimated 10 million unexploded land mines underfoot - one for every inhabitant. They were laid with minimal record-keeping during 20 years of a civil war in which both sides have made civilians

their primary targets.

Even though a fragile cease-fire has been in effect for three months, the rate of mine injuries will probably increase in the future, as peasants return to fields that are newly accessible because of the break in fighting hut remain infested by some of the most fiendish weapons man has created.

An anti-personnel land mine is an instrument of terror. Its intention is not to kill but to maim. "You kill a guy with a land mine, he's dead. End of story," explained Nick Bateman, a former British army officer who is co-directing a mine-removal project here for the Halo Trust, a London-hased relief organization. "But you blow his leg off, you tie up a medic for a day, and you demoralize his friends and family for years."

And if your victim happens to be a child, you might destroy more than a body. "In some ways these children are the living dead." Mr. Raundalen said of his emotionless therapy group. "Some lost their legs two or three years ago. Some, 10 years ago. But the shock and the trauma are still there, still

blocking the grief," Mr. Raundalen, who has written two books about the children of war, came here to advise Unicef on setting up a counseling program to address the psychic wounds of Kuito's young amputees. Ten of the children in his group were missing one leg. One had lost both legs. One has lost the sight in an eye. About half have lost one or both parents.

OR an excruciating hour, the visiting psychologist tried to strike some emotional chord with them. At first he offered soothing questions. Later he tried jarring questions. It did not seem to matter. He could not connect.

"When you sit with a group of war-affected children, they often can become very animated describing their experiences," Mr. Raundalen said later. "But land-mine victims tend to be different. The injury comes with no warning. It is so sudden. There is no time to And the couse tating. You are reminded of it every day. So you remain emotionally numb."

A sampler of the exchanges:
"Did your leg actually fall off when the mine blow up?

"I don't remember." "What did the doctor do with the leg after he cut if off?"

"Do you sometimes dream about your leg?"
"No."

"Do you feel angry?"

"Are you angry at the doctor for cutting it



A boy who lost his leg to a land mine watching other children play. Ten million unexploded mines are said to litter Angola.

"What do you feel like when you talk about

What do you want to be when you grow

Shrug. "Are you sad?"

Mr. Raundalen said later: "Often children with war injuries will say they want to grow up to be nurses or doctors. These children have no feelings in that direction. They have no sense of the future. They do not even know how to connect with each other. Here were 12 kids who had a natural bond, and they were sitting together in a room, all alone."

After coaxing, some of the children did say they would like to have artificial limbs. But that seems a distant dream. Fewer than 10 percent of Angola's amputees have them, and at the current rate of production of a few thousand a year nationwide, the number of new mine victims is likely to exceed the number of new prostheses.

INE victims in Angola are lucky just to have proper crutches. A high percentage hobble around with the help of a single stick, a rag tied around the top. Occasionally, one sees a double amputee shuffling down the street on his or her hands. The double amputee in Mr. Ranndalen's group was carried into the room on her brother's back.

Small wonder that amputees in Angola are bitter. Some have organized demonstrations to demand more services. Others resign themselves to a lifetime of begging. "The Ministry of Health simply doesn't have the money to do anything for them," said Jean-Luc Tonglet, director of Handicapped International, a French aid organization that is setting up workshops to make prostheses.

When it comes to government priorities, the problem actually is less one of wallet than

of will. With more than \$3 billion a year in oilexport revenues, Angola is one of sub-Sahr ran Africa's wealthiest countries. But the vas. bulk of its earnings since independence from Portugal in 1975 has gone to weapons purchases and war profiteers.

That leaves a gap that the international community has partly filled. In addition to making plans last week to send 7,000 peacekeeping troops here — at an estimated cost of \$1 million a day — the United Nations and various private relief organizations have spent \$1 million a day for the past two years feeding and medicating Angolans.

One humanitarian program just gearing up with the latest outbreak of peace is the painstakingly slow task of mine removal.

The Halo Trust project in Kurto offers a sense of the scale of the problem. This is the most war-ravaged city in the country. In 1993-94, it was reduced to rubble during 16 months of siege, shelling and door-to-door fighting. At different stages of the battle, government and rebel forces occupied shift-ing sections of the city. Sometimes they faced off across a single street, lighting each other's cigarettes, bartering for food and playing cards during lulls in fighting.

As they have done all over Angola for the past two decades, each side planted thousands of land mines here. It is the way a poorman's army keeps a population penned in, a key installation defended or a retreat unen-

N early 1993, just as the civil war was resuming after a brief break for peace, the human rights group Africa Watch, in New York, published a study that said 37 types of land mines had been used in the country. Most were produced in the Soviet Union, which backed the formerly Marxist government during the Cold War phase of the conflict. At least seven types were manufactured in the United States, which until 1990 supported the anti-Communist rebel move-

One of the U.S.-manufactured land mines here, the M16 A1, is a diabolical creation. It is "bounding" anti-personnel mine. When activated by a trip wire or the pressure of a foot, it jumps about four feet off the ground, where its explosion "has the power to rip the heart out of anyone standing within 100 feet," the Africa Watch report said.

Two weeks ago, the Halo Trust team began work here at a bombed-out elementary school. Two former British army officers direct 24 Angolans as they comb the school's one and a half acres of grounds, At a site like this — littered with shells, shrapnel and unexploded ordnance -- each two-man team might cover only a square yard an hour. Halo's Mr. Bateman estimates the unit will spend a month on the site.

"And we may not remove a single land mine," he said. (After two weeks, they had not.) "But we will remove a question mark. When we're done, the community will have its school back." Or it will eventually, once the war debris is carted off and the walls and roof are rebuilt.

Removing mines is nerve-racking work, but the Angolans on the crew do not seem to mind. They earn \$50 a month, 10 times the salary of a teacher in this country. Plus, "we are seen as heroes in the community," said Jose Antonio, 30, a former soldier. "The people know we are doing dangerous work."

If the peace holds, joint teams of govern-ment and rebel soldiers will start to work on mine removal. South Africans, who supplied UNITA with many of its mines, may return to remove them. But even in the best of scenarios, Angola's land mines are going to be around a long time. So are its broken spirits. At one point, Mr. Raundalen tried to soothe Arao Jose, 16, by telling him, "I know how you must feel."

The boy glanced at his own lower body, then at the doctor's. His response came not in words, but in a look. It was sad and angry and sly. It said: No you don't

The Addicts Lie Low As Police in Zurich Close a Drug Area

drug area that had become a attempt to contain the problem. source of squalor and embar- Some 5,000 addicts eventually rassment in Switzerland's fi-nancial capital. congregated at the site.

"I don't know what I'm going might be ending. to do," said Armin, an addici, as he wandered forlomly in a street near the old Letten rail-road station. "I feel ill, I urgently need a fix. I don't know where my friends are."

Just hours after the operation began, the Letten area was empty. Piles of syringe wrappers fluttered in the trash be-hind the barricaded entrance.

Vanioads of police, specially trained to disperse the addicts, were kept busy with crowds of journalists that descended to record the event.

There are more journalists than junkies," one drug dealer mattered shortly before the Monday midnight deadline to clear the station.

Another dealer, approaching the area on Tuesday, backed away in bewilderment after seeing the dozens of cameras.

Throughout the city, addicts

and dealers kept a low profile for fear of being detained. Those with enough money had stocked up on heroin or cocaine. About six addicts were taken to a temporary holding center, according to a police spokesman

The Associated Press

Although drug use is illegal,

ZURICH — The police on
Tuesday closed a notorious the Letten area in 1992 in an

Drug experts warned, however, that the new policy would be counterproductive because it would merely drive the problem underground residents that the problem

About 300 police officers are involved in the operation, codenamed "Drum Beat," which is meant to keep junkies away from Letten and ensure that no new drug areas develop. Dealers will be arrested and

foreigners without residence permits deported, officials said. Prisons intended for dealers are rapidly filling up, they added.

There are no plans to imprison the addicts, only the dealers. Addicts from the Zurich area will be offered treatment and care facilities in the city have been increased.

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Drug users from other parts of the country will be sent to a emporary holding center before being returned to their home cantons. But many of the cantons do not have enough facilities to cope with them.

Previous attempts to stamp out drug dealing in Zurich failed. Three years ago, the police closed a "needle park" nexte: to the main train station in the heart of Zurich. That scattered addicts into nearby residential areas before they regrouped in

TRAVEL UPDATE

Channel Tunnel Sets Summer Fares

LONDON (Reuters) - The operator of the Channel Tunnel announced Tuesday its prices for the summer season and kept its promise not to start a price war with its rivals, the ferry compa-

The operator, Eurotunnel, seeking to prove that it can survive despite huge debts, essentially matched ferry company fares for its shuttle trips between England and France. The most expensive fare is a peak-time £30g (\$482) round-trip, while the cheapest is a £115 (\$180) five-day round-trip in early summer.

Eurotunnel said the cheapest standard return ferry fare was £220 pounds (about \$344), compared with the tunnel's £214 (\$334), while the ferries' cheapest five-day return was £124 (\$193).

Russia is preparing to tighten rules on visus for citizens of seven Western countries in retaliation for what it sees as discrimination against Russians, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Vasili Vinogradov, head of the ministry's consular department, did not name all of the counsaid the United States, France, Spain and Germany were making it difficult for Russians to (AFP)

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By Bill Keller New York Times Service

BAILUNDO, Angola - In his prime, Jonas Savimbi charmed presidents and bedeviled rival armies. Wearing an ivory-handled Magnum at his hip, he conducted tours of a liberated zone he called 'The Free Lands of Angola," where the peasants chanted his praises and schoolchildren memorized his "Master Thought." Today, at 60, he has retreated to this bomb-

charred town, with a rutted airstrip and scarcely enough paved road to get his bullet-proof black Mercedes out of second gear. "The boat is taking in water," he conceded to a thousand delegates of his UNITA move-

ment, who on Sunday concluded a six-day review of their situation. "If I said it wasn't, But although his soldiers are hemmed in

and his status in the world has shriveled, he is

after months of seclusion, the guerrilla commander who for 30 years has symbolized the flamboyant tragedy of Angola is once again savoring the world's curiosity.

A barrel-chested figure in a double-breasted blue blazer and a broad-collared white shirt splayed in the fashion of a Las Vegas lounge singer, he receives foreign journalists for assembly-line interviews in fluent English, French and Portugese.

No, he says, he could not conceive of any circumstance that would drive his guerrillas back to war. Yes, he says, he expects his men to disband and disarm, as promised in the agreement signed last November by UNITA, as the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola is commonly known.

No, he says, he does not intend to be a vice president in a planned unity government; he sees himself staying outside, as the political opposition leader.

Despite some deliberate ambiguity about his intentions, and despite what he said was strong resistance from his generals, his message is that Angola's seemingly endless war is

There is a feeling seeping through this cyni-cal, much-disappointed country that maybe this time be means it.

"Savimhi knows today that he has no alternative," said Alioune Blondin Beye, the passionately optimistic Malian envoy who heads the United Nations mission in Angola. "The international context has changed. He does not have the friends he once had."

The treaty signed Nov. 20 in Lusaka, Zambia, has slowly taken a tenuous hold in Ango-

The first 2,000 UN troops - part of a 7,000-man contingent authorized by the Security Council last week - are to arrive in April to prepare the tent cities where UNITA

Ever-Flamboyant Savimbi Says He'll Heed Angola Peace Plan is to turn in its weapons. Mr. Beye predicts

the demobilization will begin by August. Two previous agreements failed, but this is the first to promise UN enforcement, the first to offer Mr. Savimhi a share of power, and the first attempted when the rebels' position was

For the last week, Mr. Savimhi has assemhled his commanders and ward heelers in a shabby town hall.

Mr. Savimbi began the congress with combative language, and concluded it with some conditions that could slow political reconciliation. For example, UNITA now insists it will take part in a unity government only if it gets a veto over national policy — a demand spurned by a presidential spokesman.

But Mr. Savimbi said in an interview that the main result of the week was winning over his fighters to the idea of peace.

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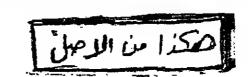
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San Francisco's Loud Voice for the Right Sounds Off By John Tierney New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Do people with AIDS need to be quarantined? Should American citizens be paid a bounty to shoot illegal immigrants? Is President Bill Clinton controlled by a coveo of communist leshian members of the

Trilateral Commission? These are some of the questions up for discussion on Hot Talk KSFO-AM, a station taking rightist radio to new levels here. For the past week, while San Francisco's appalled politicians and homosexual-rights leaders have been rallying opposition, the station's callers and hosts have been casting themselves as beleaguered revolutionaries.

"These gay and lesbian Nazis, I don't know what else to call them, they're trying to steal our freedom," said Michael Savage, the afternoon host who bills himself as The Compassionate

The host of a morning show, J. Paul Emerson, shouted, "Political correctness is over!" to the homosexual-rights groups that demonstrated outside the station earlier this month. "Take your signs and go to hell! That's the only place that you're going to get any attention, because that's where all your stinking butthead friends

It may seem odd that San Francisco, often government is always a good 'them.' Angry peo-

Simpson's Defense

Targets the Police

Investigation Was Botched

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Defense attorneys in the O.J. Simpson

murder trial tried Toesday to

demonstrate that the police

mishandled the investigation

The first officer at the scene

where Nicole Brown Simpson

and her friend were murdered

acknowledged that he had not

checked out melting ice cream

found in her home or had seen

if there was evidence that her dog had bitten anyone.

said, it was not his duty to do

the lead defense attorney, John-

answered a defense questions

about what he found — stereo

music, lighted candles, a bath-

tub full of water, melting ice cream and a television — but repeatedly said he had touched

Mr. Riske said he had not

home: had not tested the tem-

perature of the water in Ms. Simpson's bathtub; had not picked up the ice cream; had

not turned off the stereo, televisioo or lights; had not tried to

open a Jeep with the passenger door ajar, and had not checked

Mrs. Simpson's dog for evi-

Prosecutors have suggested that the dog's howls had sig-naled the murders, and that the

police said Tuesday.

But, Officer Robert Riske

Under cross-examination by

from the start.

Questions Are Meant to Show

nie L. Cochran Jr., Mr. Riske guard" at the crime scene to

Mr. Riske said he had not checked trash cans inside the David Rossi, also testified. He

dog had led neighbors to the bodies outside Mrs. Simpson's disregard any pictures.

Police Issue Bomb Alert

To New York Businesses

NEW YORK - Businesses in New York City have been

Private security companies and Wall Street firms in particular have been warned in a police department memo that

"parking garages, public bathrooms, underground facilities and other public areas should be under constant security."

The memo advises against touching any suspicious package.

It mentions the World Trade Center bombing of Feb. 26.

1993, which killed six people and the bombing conspiracy trial oow under way of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and 10

others charged with plotting to bomb the United Nations and other New York landmarks.

asked to maintain high alert for a possible attack to mark the second anniversary of the World Trade Center bombing, the

condominium. The defense sug-

gests that closer attention to de-

tails such as how much the ice

cream found in Ms. Simpson's

home had melted could have

better determined the time of

he had not seen the police pho-tographer take pictures of key

During questioning by Depu-

ty District Attorney Marcia Clark, Mr. Riske told jurors

that it was not his duty to inves-

tigate the murder or to check on

what photographs were taken at

his responsibility to "stand

observe what the investigators

negative to all of her questions,

He said his job was to "respond

to the call, secure the scene,

said Mr. Riske called him

around 12:30 A.M. on June 13 from Mrs. Simpson's home to

Also Tuesday, a transcript was released giving more details about the jurors' trip to key sites in the Brentwood area.

It shows that after the visit,

the prosecution complained

that one juror studied a photo-

graph on a wall in Mr. Simp-son's home, in violation of the

Mr. Riske responded in the

and technicians did.

make ootifications.

She also asked him if it was

evidence in the house.

Mr. Riske also testified that

considered America's most leftist metropolis, now has one of the country's most rightist talk-radio stations. But KSFO's extremism may be a logical reaction to the local culture.

The sudden transformation since Jan. 1 when the 24-hour talk station replaced its young, liberal hosts with conservatives — might shed some light on a much-debated question: Why does the right dominate talk radio?

The medium is biased toward conservatives in several ways, according to a survey hy the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press. ompared with liberals, conservatives are more likely to listen to talk radio, more likely to call in when they listen, and more likely to get on the air when they call. Exit polls taken after the last presidential election showed that frequent listen-

ers to talk shows voted Republican, 3 to 1. Some media experts attribute the hias to the force of a few hosts' personalities — notably, Rush Limbaugh, who claims an audience of 20 million — and a temporary dearth of entertaining liberals. Others see talk radio as particularly hospitable to conservatives.

"Talk radio is a venting mechanism for people who are angry and anti-institution," said Cliff Zukin of Rutgers University, who cooducted the Times Mirror survey. "The theme is 'us against them,' which works for conservatives because

programs that don't work." Besides government, the other great object of conservative callers' wrath is that entity known as the liberal media. This feeling of being ignored by the mainstream press is the main reason that

conservatives cite for their embrace of ao alternative medium. Talk radio is right-wing for the same reason that free weekly oewspapers are left-wing," said Virginia Postrel, the editor of Reason, a libertar-

ian magazine that is must reading for many talk-show hosts. "They're both examples of how a newly abundant medium comes to be dominated by a group with intellectual vitality that is outside the political mainstream." "The New Left was in that position in the

1960s when offset printing made weekly oewspa-pers possible," Ms. Postrel said. "And the papers have retained their left-wing culture their readers and advertisers have come to expect." "When the switch of music to FM radio opened up the AM band to talk radio in the 1980s, it was conservatives who had the vitality

and the desire to flock to a new medium and create their own culture there," she added. No other station seems to have a more extreme rightist culture than KSFO, perhaps because in no other city do conservatives feel so excluded. The station regularly promotes its new format hy playing Peter Finch's line from the movie "Net-

ple can always find example. of government work": "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore"—a cry echoed hy the callers who rail at the local liberal orthodoxy.

"I came from the communist country," said a caller with an East European accent. "Now I am io Berkeley, a totally communist city. The homosexual community really is danger. Seems like in this area, we don't have the right for free speech. This is the only station like this in the Bay Area. and now liberals want to destroy it."

Jack Swanson, operations director at KSFO, said the audience's reaction reminded him of what he heard 15 years ago when he put a show called "Gay Talk" on the air in San Francisco.

"I think it was the first gay talk show on any commercial station in the country," Mr. Swan-son recalled, "and we were flooded with gay callers saying, 'Thank God, you're there — I felt so alone ontil I heard your show.' That's the same kind of need we're meeting oow. This is a community where essentially everything has been O.K. up until now except being a conservative. We're letting the last group out of the

Mr. Swanson, who described himself as a liberal, said he chose the conservative format after seeing a station in Seattle --- KVI-AM, the only other all-conservative talk station in the United States - crush its liberal competitors in

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans Rally to Welfare Plan

WASHINGTON - House Republicans showed powerful unity Tuesday in fending off Democratic assaults on their plan to overhaul the country's welfare system. Republicans also reacted angrily to suggestions that their plan was cruel to

In vote after party-lioe vote over the last two days, the House Ways and Means subcommittee on human resources has upheld the most contendous elements of the Republican hill, which is intended to curtail dependence on welfare and reduce hirths among unmarried women.

The panel, for example, voted to impose a five-year limit on payment of welfare benefits and endorsed a prohibition on the use of federal money to provide cash assistance to unmarried mothers under age 18. The panel also is expected to approve a section of the hill that would make legal imminators a section of the hill that would make legal imminators. grants ineligible for welfare benefits, food stamps, Medicaid

health insurance for the poor, subsidized housing and other forms of assistance financed by the federal government.

Representative Harold E. Ford, Democrat of Tennessee, said that 3 million to 4 million children were "potential victims of the harsh policies" that Republicans were trying to

But Representative Jim McCrery, Republican of Louisiana, said: "The Democrats who have controlled these programs for 30 years have very little moral authority to accuse us of being heartless and cruel. It is the current programs that condemn millions of children in this country to lives of hopelessness and desperation."

Clinton to Protect Student Loans

SAN FRANCISCO - Throwing down another gauntlet to the Republican Congress, President Bill Clinton vowed Tuesday to oppose any efforts to scale back direct federal loans or interest subsidies for college students. He also asked national leaders in higher education to help fight for his proposed tax deductions for post-high school learning.

Although he did not use the word veto, Mr. Clinton's

speech to the American Council on Education, a group representing more than 1,600 colleges and universities meeting here, was the latest in a series of efforts to define the ground — from crime and welfare to foreign policy — on which the White House will fight to preserve the president's priorities in the face of Republican alternatives.

Mr. Clinton charged that various Republican proposals for limiting loans meant that some in the congressional leadership saw education as "just another area to cut and gut" to help finance cuts in capital gains taxes for the well-to-do, "Their proposals will cut investments in our future and increase the costs of student loans to our needlest students to fund tax cuts for the wealthy," Mr. Clinton said. (NYT)

Gingrich's Wife Plays Down Visit

JERUSALEM — Marianne Gingrich, wife of the speaker of the House, visited the Israeli Parliament on Tuesday and defended her stay at her Israeli employer's West Bank settle-

ment as private and devoid of political meaning.

Mrs. Gingrich's weeklong visit has been overshadowed hy
questions about whether her job with an Israeli company that is building an industrial park in southern Israel constitutes a conflict of interest with her husband's position. Both Mr. Gingrich and his wife have denied the antegation, \$2,500-a-month joh does not involve lobbying the U.S. gov(AP)

Ouote/ Unquote

The speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, on a Republican response to President Clinton's threat to veto changes in his anti-crime program; "The president is, I think, trying to draw a whole series of lines in the sand on this and other issues, and that's fine. We're a loog way from getting a bill to his desk. We're a long way from deciding how we would deal with a

Away From Politics

 A plane flying tourists over the Grand Canyon lost an engine and crashed while trying to return to an Arizona airport, killing 8 of the 10 people aboard. Killed were seven Taiwanese nationals and the pilot, a Nevada man. Two other passengers both from Taiwan, were critically injured.

 The attorney representing the daughter of Malcolm X said he would ask a federal court to throw out murder-for-hire charges against her, asserting that she was trapped by a "vile" government informant. Qubilah Shabazz is accused of plotting the nurder of the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan. Her trial is scheduled to begin oo May 1. (Reuters) • Three Pittsburgh fire fighters were killed when they fell through a section of floor in a burning house. The family escaped the four-story home without injury. It was the worst loss of life in the city's fire department since three fire fighters

• A 4-year-old boy died after running back into a burning house from which he had been led by his mother in Bolivar, Missouri. The boy's mother and his 2-year-old sister, whom the mother had carried out, suffered hurns and smoke inhalation They were hospitalized in fair condition. A county official said the boy broke away from his mother, apparently in panic.

Separatists Set Back In Quebec

MONTREAL — Canada's ruling Liberal Party has swept to victory in three by-elections to fill property seems in Paolis to fill vacant seats in Parliament, including one district where the vote was seen as a test of support for Quebec indepen-

The vote in the Quebec district of Brome-Missisquoi was being watched closely as a barometer of backing for the Quebec separatist movement just months before a referendum on independence is expected to be held in the French-speaking

With votes counted in 60 of 170 polling places in the dis-trict, the French-language service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation declared Denis Paradis of the Liberal Party the winner over his separatist Bloc Québécois opponent.

The Liberal Party's triumph was seen as a setback for those advocating that Quebec sepa-rate from Canada, and a boost for those hoping that the prov-ince does not secode. "We now have an indication of how the people of Quebec will respond on referendum day: They will say no to separation," Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said.

Ecuadoran troops firing a mortar at a Peruvian patrol before the truce took hold Its Budget Pared, **Ecuador and Peru End Shooting**

But Truce Fails to Quell Claims of Victory

By James Brooke

RIO DE JANEIRO - Peru and Ecuador stopped fighting Tuesday, agreeing to disagree. At noon, a cease-fire appeared to halt a 20-day border war that left about 50 dead and 100 wounded. But with each side claiming to occupy the same border posts in a remote Amazon River

valley, each proclaimed itself the winner.
"The Peruvian flag waves in Tiwinza," President Alberto Fujimori of Peru said in a televised speech Monday night.

Asserting that Peruvian commandos occupied Tiwinza and two other contested border posts, Mr. Fujimori declared: "All Peru should know that, at this moment, the Ecuadoran troops organized in our territory have been dislodged."

Lima newspaper headlines Tuesday blared:
"Total Victory," "Tiwinza Is Ours," "The Invaders Were Expelled," "Mission Accomplished"
and "Invincible Peru." At Peru's military command headquarters at

rifles. Officials there charged that Ecuador shelled Tiwinza shortly after the ooon cease-fire

In rebuttal, the Ecuadoran defense minister flew Tuesday afternoon to the zone of conflict with military attaches from the Quito embassies of the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Carrying a satellite-activated positioning instru-ment, the minister, José Gallardo, vowed that he would show that Ecuador still controls Tiwinza and the two other contested posts.

Prior to the trip, Ecuador's military high com-mand asserted that the detachments were "under the control of the Ecuadoran Armed Forces."

While geographers, generals and politicians are expected to wrangle for weeks over the war's ontcome, business people reacted to the cease-fire with a sigh of relief. Lima's stock exchange index jumped Tuesday by 7 percent; Quito's rose

The three-week war created images that were foreign to a part of the world that had not seen a Bagua, reporters were shown Ecuadoran "war border war in a half-century. Soldiers mined booty" allegedly seized at the three posts: uniforms, radio equipment, grenade launchers and border areas and jets fought air battles.

NASA Recommits To Space Station

WASHINGTON - The U.S. space program is being cut by \$5 billion, but plans to build an international space station are on track.

Daniel S. Goldin, adminis-trator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said Monday that he hoped to carry out the \$5 billion cut ordered by President Bill Clinton by turning more of the agency's operations over to private industry, but may have to cut some programs as well.

He said that costs to begin construction of the space sta-tion by November 1997 have been cut to \$15.3 billion from \$17.4 billion in the past year, and that U.S. withdrawal from the program would destroy allies' willingness to cooperate with the United States on such expensive programs.

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San Francisco's Waterfront Plans: New Waves Over an Old Landmark

As a working waterfront, San Francisco's glory days are long gone, The New York Times reports. The oldest port oo the West Coast operates at only 3 percent of its shipping capacity, and 92 percent of the container cargo in the Bay Area last year was handled by the port of

The most valuable commodity on the San Francisco waterfroot is the past Jack London, the Barbary Coast, the old Italian fishing fleet
— all live on in hundreds of shops and restaurants. Outside of Disneyland, there is no more popular tourist destination in California than Fisherman's Wharf.

Approving a draft plan last month that will map the future of the waterfront, the Port Commission of San Francisco said what has long been obvious but rarely sanctioned offi-cially. The port has missed the boat as a trade and cargo center.

Instead, the commission oow says, the port should be "a place to promenade" and "a place for nourishment of mind and body."

Short Takes

Cigarette Eghters are childproof, as are medicine bottles - so much so that grown-ups can have a hard time getting a cigarette lighted or

groping for an aspirin. Firing a gun, on the other hand, is child's play. "Kids these days can fire a gun as easily as they can a slingshot," Monique El-Faizy writes in The Washington Post. "Yet American parents still do not see fit to demand that their guns be made child resis-

A hitherto unpublished story by William Faulkner, "Christmas Tree," prohably written around 1921, appears in the current issue of the Yale Review. The story concerns a hasty marriage at Christmastime and a secret pregnancy. The Yale Review editor, J. D. McClatchy, had happened upoo it at the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia while doing research 25 years ago. He said it all came back to him in a dream.

Officer Tori Matthews of the Southern Califormia Humane Society performed mouth-tonose resuscitation after a pet iguana fell into a swimming pool, swam briefly and then sank. The reptile survived. "I thought, well, you do CPR and mouth-to-mouth on a person and on a dog," she said, referring to cardiopulmonary resuscitation. "Why not an iguana? Now that i look hack on it, it was a pretty ugly animal to he

George Abbott, the Broadway director-producer who died Jan. 31 at the age of 107, played golf until he was close to 100 years old. His third wife, Joy, four decades younger, recalls that during a round of golf in the late 1980s he fell on the fairway. "Get up, George, get up," she pleaded, leaning over him and shaking him. "Don't just lay there." After a moment he opened his eyes. "Don't just lie there," he corrected.

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at the death sentence given a 14-year-old Christian boy convicted of blaspheming ls-lam, but she said she would not intervene in the case.

But despite her statement, the country's Christians, who fasted Sunday to protest the verdict, prepared a second protest fast for Feb. 22.

In an interview with Pakistani journalists Monday she said: "I am deeply shocked and unhappy with this verdict," adding that the affair would harm Pakistan's image

Salamat Masih and his uncle, Rehmat Masih, 40, both Christians, were sentenced to death for throwing pieces of year in jail because the judges paper containing blasphe in the case feared for their mous words into a mosque.

Salamat was 11 years old at hail. the time of the offense, and said to be illiterate. A third member of the family who had Monday summoned Paki-been arrested in the case was stan's ambassador to the For-

dent Mohammed Zia ul-Haq under a policy of making Pakistan an Islamic state, call for stan's judicial proceedings, the death penalty for any remarks considered insulting to Islam and the prophet Mobammed. The laws have been the lives of the two. criticized by buman rights groups as too harsh and some pleaded for their "urgent and in the government favor amending them. urged the gov Miss Bhutto, who advocates change the laws.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — lsw. also wants to amend the Prime Minister Benazir legislation, but in the face of Bhutto said she was shocked opposition from religious parties has not moved to do so.

She told the journalists that talks with those parties were continuing and said, "We are not going to abrogate the law. but amend its procedures."

Last year, the law minister proposed minor amendments to the laws, but fundamentalist Muslim groups immediately offered \$40,000 for his death. The government then dropped its efforts.

Meanwhile, an appeal has been filed with the Lahore High Court. Chief Justice Mommed liyas set up a threejudge bench to hear the appeal, but has not set a date.

Salamat has already spent a safety if they released him on

The case has sparked anger in other countries. Britain on sbot to death in April after a eign Office to protest the sen-court granted him bail.

The blasphemy laws, intro-duced in the 1980s by Presi-man said that the ambassador was told that while Britain could not interfere in Paki-

Amnesty International has unconditional release" and urged the government to



Salamat Masih and his uncle, Rehmat Masih, after being sentenced to death Feb. 9.

Afghan Student Militia Routs a Powerful Warlord

Detectives Hunt Group Tied to Trade Center Suspect

wounded when it exploded.

In the end, however, any new

charges probably would not al-

ter Mr. Youser's fate. He al-

ready faces 240 years in prison

if, like four other Muslim fun-

damentalists, he is convicted of

not derail the attacks, however.

that rather than force the ex-

tremists to abandon their

schemes, Mr. Youser's arrest

may instead lead the group to

carry on with the planned at-

tacks, as a means of retaliation

or as part of a campaign to win his release.

the manhunt is the Philippines,

and other Asian and Middle

Eastern governments are

searching other parts of the

The group of 20 extremists

Although the prime focus of

Mr. Yousel's capture may

U.S. officials said they feared

the Trade Center charges.

KABUL—A powerful Afghan oppo-sition leader ahandoned his military base near Kahul on Tnesday after his forces were routed by a newly emergent Islamic student militia known as Tale-

The defeat of the opposition leader, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, marked the hig-gest change in the halance of power in Afghanistan since another warlord switched sides in January 1994 and joined him in an unsuccessful attempt to seize control in Kabul from President Burhanuddin Rahbani.

A spokesman for Mr. Hekmatyar's Islamic Party confirmed in Pakistan that mander said. the group had given up the Charasyab "We want the establishment of a sin-headquarters. 15 kilometers (9 miles) gle Islamic administration in the coun-

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - An in-

ternational manhunt has been

launched to track down 20

Muslim extremists involved in

terrorist operations in the Phil-

ippines, according to Filipino

The officials believe the ex-

tremists -- 15 of various Asian

and Middle Eastern national-

ities and 5 Filipinos - make up

the central core of a terrorist

group run hy Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who was arrested last

week in Islamabad, Pakistan,

for allegedly masterminding the

1993 bombing of the World

Law enforcement officials

believe the group plotted to at-tack Pope John Paul II on his

visit to the Philippines and to

bomb U.S. aircraft flying Asian

routes. The extremists may be

planning to follow through on

those attacks or others. Asian

Authorities in the Philippines disclosed Monday that evi-

and American officials said.

and U.S. officials.

Trade Center.

called a combined attack by Taleban and pro-Rabbani forces.

men there. They were disarming pro- government in April 1992. Rahhani fighters, even though the in their advance.

"We have no personal enmity with any mujahidin party, but we will fight fierce fighting throughout 1994. anybody opposing our general program of collecting all the arms and creating an Islamic government," a Taleban com-

planned to bomb American

diplomatic facilities in Asia.

Many U.S. diplomatic facilities

The evidence accumulated in

both Manila and Islamabad is

expected to lead to new charges

in addition to the 11 counts be

faces for the World Trade Cen-

ter bombing, U.S. officials said

But the extent of the new

charges for plotting against

American diplomatic and com-

mercial interests is unclear.

American law enforcement and

local security agents are still

sorting through leads in the

New evidence in Manila, for

example, shows that the Dec. 11

by Mr. Yousef, was "a test run

for planned bombings of U.S. commercial aircraft" in Asia,

The terrorists apparently

Philippine officials said

Monday.

are now on heightened alert.

south of Kabul, and the eastern prov-try and welcome anybody helping us in ince of Logar, in the face of what he this line," be added.

Mr. Hekmatyar has been locked in a bitter power struggle with Mr. Rahbani Western reporters who visited Chara-since Islamic guerrillas moved into Kasyab on Tuesday saw Taleban militia- bul after the collapse of a Communist

The northern warlord Abdul Rashid Islamic Party spokesman had said that Dustam, previously allied with Mr. Rab-government forces helped the Taleban bani, switched sides and joined Mr. Hekmatyar in an attempt to seize Kabul on Jan. 1, 1994, setting off rounds of

Neither side was able to gain a clear military victory, but the rise of Taleban, recruited from young Afghan refugees attending religious schools in Pakistan, appeared to have broken the stalemate.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said

would not elaborate.

officials now say they believe he

under many nationalines and day.

aliases. He entered the United

States in 1992 on an Iraqi pass-

port. In Manila, he was a Mo-

roccan. And he entered Paki-

stan last week from Thailand on

a Pakistani passport with yet a

probing deeper into Mr. You-ser's wide-ranging links through

Ishtiaq Parker, a South African

third name, Ali Mohammed.

ty forces.

not attack the Rabbani-led government.

"Although the Taleban are getting very close to Kahul, we don't believe will try to attack the capital," he said Monday. "We have had numerous discussions with the Taleban and we believe we can work with them."

Taleban has swept through mainly Pashtun areas of southern Afghanistan and defeated Mr. Hekmatyar, himself a Pashtun. Whether it would be equally welcome in the regional strongholds of Ahmed Shah Masoud, a mujahidin leader and ethnic Tajik, or General Dustam, an ethnic Uzbek, is unclear.

Taleban has said that it wants to end the factional fighting and crack down on narcotics trafficking. (Reuters, AFP)

United States under the witness

group in Pakistan and an ac-

Mr. Parker is talking with

of funding, training and tech-niques, U.S. officials said Mon-

Mr. Parker attended Islam-

abad University, which has a

large community of devoutly

Muslim students from many

nations. But on Monday, ac-

quaintances described him as a

loner interested in husiness who

His wife, Fehmida, was "dis-

illusioned and wanted to go

In China, New Effort To Cap Birthrate

By Steven Mufson

BELIING - The Chinese government began a family planning program Tuesday aimed at holding the popula-tion to no more than 1.3 billion by the end of the decade.

The government's announce ment Monday that China's population will reach 1.2 billion us week, five years earlier than the government had planned, led to the new drive to enforce a 16-year-old policy of one child per family.

Government officials said that even though China's policy has cut the country's birthrate, the population continues to grow by 1.1 percent a year; the government says it prefers a growth rate of 1 percent. Last year, the nation's 21 million births outnumbered deaths by

"At present, low hirth rates are not steady in China," a spokesman for the State Family Planning Commission told the official Legal Daily. "This is because the birth concept of the broad masses has not changed fundamentally."

The new program calls for new pressure and propaganda to limit families to one child, especially in rural areas where the birth rates are highest. It would also give special treat-ment to rural couples who have just one child, the official Xin-hua press agency said.

But a visit to any rural area reveals that the government is facing a tough battle in its efforts to reduce hirth rates fur-

In Jilin Province in northeast China, the charts on the walls of village schools, like battlefield diagrams, map the fight of the world's most populous nation to cut its birthrate. The charts list the birth, marriage, and menstruation dates of every woman of child-bearing age. The date and sex of every birth is recorded and posted.

Family planning is "unpopu-r." conceded Liu Yueying, who is in charge of family planning policy in one Jilin village. In her village of 1,300 people, 30 families have violated the policy in the 26 years since it

began, she said. That does not include families that take advantage of a dence Mr. Yousef left behind was small, but one man was ince south of Manila, a Philip- Mr. Parker, his wife and his nancy for couples whose first child have been brought to the

> The government has argued that lower birthrates help improve living standards, but paradoxically, the rise in living standards has helped farmers pay the fines imposed for having more than one child. In Ms. Liu's village in the last

15 years, the fines have climbed to 6,000 yuan, or \$710 - 120 times as high as when the program began.

Although the government maintains that it relies on education and persuasion, critics assert that many women have been forced into abortions and sterilizations.

The government's efforts 11 have paid off. In the early 1970's, the average Chinese woman had five to six children; today the average is fewer than two. A report Monday said the figure had dropped to 1.7, lower than that of Denmark or Sweden, according to Carl Haub, a demographer with the Population Reference Bureau in Wash-

BRIEFLY ASIA

U.S. Sidesteps the Spratlys Dispute

WASHINGTON — The United States refused to take sides Monday in a dispute between the Philippines and China over the Spratty Islands.

"Our position on this."

over the Spratty Islands.

"Our position on this is that we don't take a position on the merit of competing claims in the South China Sea," said the State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly. "We have stated firmly that these conflicting claims should be resolved. peacefully, that we see no justification for any threat or use of military force, and that we would view the use or threat of

force as a very serious matter."

Earlier in the day, the Philippines said it was considering taking the issue of China's occupation of a coral reef in the disputed islands to the United Nations Security Council and the World Court. Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo de-clined to give details of "the military aspects" of the country's strategy, but he made it clear the Philippines had no wish for a military confrontation with China. (Reuters)

A Japan Opposition Leader Quits

TOKYO - A former cabinet minister resigned his post in Japan's largest opposition party Tuesday after news reports that his relatives received money from two credit unions being bailed out by the government. A string of companies owned by Toshio Yamaguchi's family members received 4.05 hillion, yen (\$41 million) from the troubled credit unions, the Asahi Shimbun reported.

Mr. Yamaguchi, who served as labor maintained.

Shimbun reported.

Mr. Yamaguchi, who served as labor minister in 1984 and 1985, resigned from his position as deputy secretary general of the New Frontier Party. The two Tokyo credit unions—Tokyo Kyowa Credit Association and Anzen Credit Bankhad bad loans of 110 billion yen at the end of November, the Tokyo Metropobtan government has said.

(AP)

India Plans Vote in Troubled State

NEW DELHI - India's Parliament on Tuesday extended ederal rule for six months over the northern state of Jamuur and Kashmir, which has been torn by Muslim separation Home Minister S.B. Chavan said the government would summon political party representatives to discuss the possibility of holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time since 1990, when a major uprising against New Delhi

"I will be calling a meeting of all the leaders of political parties, and I hope some workable solution will be found."

Mr. Chavan said. "People are for a change and want to join the mainstream." New Delhi has been putting off elections to the state's assembly since the federal government dismissed an elected government in 1990. (Reuters)

VOICES From Asia

Alicia Ogawa, an analyst at Salomon Brothers in Tokyo, on the Bank of Japan's bailout of two credit unions that gave loans to relatives of a leading politician: "There are a plenty of small banks which need to be rescued, not because they were dishonest but because they got caught up in the bubble. But this bank rescue has been so poorly handled that this is going to make it more difficult to make rescues of banks that deserve to be rescued."

Qaribur Relaman Saced, spokesman for an Afghan faction retreating in the face of an offensive near Kabul by a newly formed Islamic student militia: "The situation is very very bad. We have left everything behind."

Kasame Chativanakij, head of Bangkok Transit System Corp., which will start work Monday on Bangkok's first mass-transit system, a project expected to add to traffic snarls in the city for at least a year: "Til probably get called a dog by a lot of people once work starts. But can our traffic problem really get any worse than it already is? Something has to be done, get any worse than it an early is: conteming and we're going to do our best-to help." (Bloomberg)

Piracy Declined in 1994, Except Near Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR - Inci- center, which was created by dents of piracy worldwide de-clined in 1994, but increased dramatically in Indonesian waters, the Regional Piracy Center

said Tuesday. In its annual Piracy Report, the center said there were 90 incidents of piracy around the three were reported in Southworld in 1994, as opposed to west Asia, down from five. 103 m 1993 and 115 in 1992.

But piracy in Southeast Asia shot up after being on the wane in recent years, with 33 incidents reported in 1994, compared with 15 the year before. Incidents in the Indonesian archipelago doubled, to 22 from

More promising was the reduction in incidents in the Far East, with 38 reported attacks, versus 68 in 1993, the center said. The South China Sea between Hong Kong, Luzon and Hainan had 14 incidents, the most after Indonesia.

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In other regions, 11 incidents of piracy were reported in the Americas, six more than m 1993; five were reported around Africa, down from nine; and

The number of boardings increased to 49, from 28 in 1993, "and a disturbing trend has been the use of firearms and violence once the vessel has been boarded," the center said. Most of the ships attacked

were cargo, container and bulk carriers. But the center said that attacks on tankers, chemical tankers and vessels carrying liquctied gas were of particular concern because of the possibility of an environmental calami-

"The potential for environ-Piracy incidents include mental disaster should not be boardings, attempted boardings, hijackings and robberies said,

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Mr. Yousef fled the Philip- protection program, U.S. offi-

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of Mr. Yousel's identity, U.S. er for the \$2 million reward.

is a Pakistani who was born in U.S. authorities about other ter-

Kuwait. His family comes from rorist activities that Yousef may

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Fran, which has its own large Baluchi population. But Mr. Youse's contacts, sources of funding, training and techniques II.S. officials said Mon-

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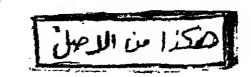
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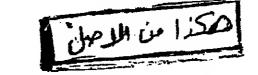
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EUROPE

Contact Group Plan Would Lift More Sanctions on Serbia

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PARIS — Officials from the five nations seeking peace in Bosnia reached an outline agreement Tuesday on a plan that would offer a further easing or a complete suspension of sanctioos oo Serbia in exchange for its recognition of Rosnia and Coordina a Franch Foreign Ministry Bosnia and Croatia, a French Foreign Ministry

The principle of an exchange of sanctions relief for Serbian agreements in other areas is accepted by everyone," said the official, who declined to be named.

He named the areas as Serbian recognition of Bosnia and Croatia, formal acceptance by President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia of the five natioos' peace plan for Bosnia, and an agreement to use an American-backed peace plan for Croatia as a basis for negotiation

comment. But it appeared that some differences persisted between France and the United States over what degree of sanctions relief Mr. Milosevic should be offered.

The French favor a complete suspension; the Clinton administration would like to be more cautious, offering progressive relief. Under both countries' plans, sanctions would be quickly reimposed if Mr. Milosevic were seen to be giving military aid to the Bosnian or Croatian Serbs.

Of the conditions set for Mr. Milosevic, the most difficult is recognition of Bosnia and Croatia. About 70 percent of Bosnia and close to a third of Croatia are held by Serbs who were long supported strongly by Mr. Milosevic in their ction of joining oew countries they saw as

Thus, recognition of Bosnia and Croatia with-

American officials at the meeting declined to of many Serbs, amount to Mr. M. dosevic's formal vic is still committed to the defense of Serbs in omment. But it appeared that some differences betrayal of the Serbs' dream of uniting in a single Bosnia and Croatia.

Such a decision is one be has shown no sign of being prepared to make. But the five-nation contact group, made up of

the United States, France, Germany, Russia and Britain, has run out of any ideas other than trying to coax Mr. Milosevic into becoming their

By offering hlandishments, they hope to lure him to a summit meeting with the Croatian and Bosnian presidents that would seek to head off a wider Balkan war io the spring.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe of France has called such a meeting a "last chance." But Serbi-an officials have dismissed the idea as a waste of time, and recent signs have suggested that, whatever his personal differences with the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, Mr. Milose-

United Nations officials, meanwhile, said President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia had written to Yasushi Akashi, the top United Nations official in the former Yugoslavia, threatening "to open new fronts" if what he called a Serbian offensive in the oorthwestern Bihac area did not

■ Serbs Permit Aid to Bibac

Croatian Serbian forces have given permission for a United Nations convoy to cross their terntory with aid for Bosnia's Bihac enclave, where hundreds, perhaps thousands, face starvation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said Tuesday, Reuters reported.

A spokesman for the high commissioner's office said clearance had been given hy the authorities in Knin, the Croatian Serbian capital, for the trucks to pass through the territory.

Wheel Falls on Strasbourg

The Associated Press

STRASBOURG - A wheel fell off a Boeing 757 as it ap-proached the Strasbourg airport on Tuesday and crashed authorities said.

those reportedly on board was Sir James Goldsmith, a promi-

nent husinessman who represents France in the European Parliament at Strasbourg.

The 200-kilogram wheel smashed a hole 10 meters (30 feet) wide in the roof of a storthrough the roof of a factory, age area at a suburban Stras-No one was burt, and the plane, owned by a Danish company, landed safely. Among off for Strasbourg from Le

Shell Fire Pierces Truce in Chechnya

MOSCOW - Russian and Chechen troops traded rocket the Chechen capital Tuesday, that had just taken force.

Russian officials sounded a lasting truce and Russia's counterintelligence chief said the hunt was still on for the Checheo separatist leader, Dzhokar Dudayev.

The Interfax news agency, reporting from the Chechen capital, Grozny, said that Chechen fighters launched rocket attacks against Russian tanks near Goity, 20 kilometers (12 miles) southwest of Grozny and that Russian artillery had opened op on separatist positions in south-

em Grozny. The exchanges violated Monday's cease-fire accord covering use of heavy weapons, which have been responsible for most of the destruction and loss of life in two mooths of fight-

Follow-up talks 00 extending the cease-fire agreement had comments at a meeting of the North Atlantic Council last week, the sources said.

"faise statements that the people of the world will become keener to listen to the message week, the sources said.

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"The timing of Claes's remarks were most unfortunate," a diplomatic source said. been scheduled for Wednesday

attacks against Chechen posi-tions had been halted before Pre cease-fire talks Monday.

The official said they would remain suspended if the ceasefire was extended into a permaoent end to hostilities.

But Sergei Stepashin, head of the counterintelligence service, was pessimistic. "The accord is and artillery fire in and around unlikely to lead to a full-scale the Chechen capital Tuesday, cease-fire in this North Cauca-threatening a shaky cease-fire sus republic," he was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Mr. Stepashin, contacted by essimistic about prospects for Interfax in the Ingushi settlement of Sleptsovsk oo the border with Chechnya, said he expected Mr. Dudayev's rebels to use the cease-fire to regroup.

He said counterintelligence agents were continuing the hunt for Mr. Dudayev.

General Lev Rokhlin, who played a key role in the capture of Grozny, was quoted by the Itar-Tass press agency as saying he expected Chechen militants to violate the truce.

There is no doubt that a certain group of Chechen militants will oot observe any agreements," General Rokhlin

The Interior Ministry said that reconnaissance planes and artillery had been used around towns east of Grozny in the past

Artillery gave support to In Moscow, an official at the fighting forces and suppressed air force headquarters was firing positions of the illegal quoted by Interfax as saying air armed groups," the ministry

> President Boris N. Yeltsin sent troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11 hut the poorly executed military operation met fierce re-sistance from Chechen irregu-lars, leading to heavy casualties.

BRIEFLY EUROPE

EU Deputies Cool on Customs Deal

STRASBOURG - The main body of European Parliament deputies threatened Tuesday to oppose a customs union with Turkey on human rights grounds when the assembly votes on the move later this week.

The deputies, meetiog in plenary session, began a first day of debate oo the customs ties, and a majority of speakers expressed serious reservations about the deal. Greece has said it will veto the current accord, due to be signed between

Pauline Green, head of the Parliament's Socialist group said she believed her faction could not vote in favor of the accord. Socialists hold 221 of assembly's 567 seats. (AFP)

France Pushes for More Africa Aid

PARIS — Eager to preserve its influence in Africa, France is lohhying bard for an increase in EU aid to the continent despite resistance from Germany and Britain.

On the eve of a pivotal EU foreign ministers meeting in

Brussels, President François Mitterrand was host Tuesday to a gathering of French-speaking nations - most of them African — to mobilize support for expanded aid.

The French Foreign Ministry also turned up the pressure.

asserting that the Union "must not reduce its aid to Africa." But a ministry spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna, cooceded that Paris might not get its way in Brussels. "The meeting will be extremely difficult," she said. "The situation is blocked." The ministers meeting in Brussels will be working on a new aid package to last through the end of the century. France has

suggested raising the amount to \$18.1 billion; the receiving countries have requested \$23 billion. Germany contributes 26 percent of the fund, France 24

percent and Britain 16.5 percent. Finance Minister Theo Waigel has demanded a big cut in Bonn's share.

Slovakia: Membership Bid in June?

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Slovakia could apply for full EU membership in June, Foreign Minister Juraj Schenk said. "The earliest Slovakia would submit its application for full membership to the EU would be by late June," Mr. Schenk said. But he added there might be some slippage. "We have to analyze our current situation to determine which changes in the areas of economy, legislatioo and social welfare are to be made in order to achieve compatibility with the EU," he said.

Slovakia, an associate member of the Union since Feb. 1, is one of several former Communist countries in Eastern and Central Europe that want to join the Union.

Jewish Graves Ruined in Germany

TRIER, Germany - Vandals desecrated a Jewish ceme-

tery in the southwestern city of Saarlouis, knocking over gravestones and statues, the police said Tuesday. City officials said 13 Jewish graves were desecrated in the Jewish section of the Saarlouis cemetery. They could oot say when the attack happened.

Dutch Seek Kelief on EU Payments

THE HAGUE - Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm said Tuesday that he wanted to reduce the Netherlands' net contribution to the EU budget and would campaign for a fairer distribution when current agreements lapse in 1999.

"If you compare us with countries like France, Italy and Germany, we are worse off," Mr. Zalm told Dutch television. "Britain is another example." Echoing German complaints that it pays too much to the Union's budget, Mr. Zalm said the current balance was not equitable.

The Netherlands was a oet receiver of EU mooey until 1991, but will make net payments of 4.5 billion guilders (\$2.6 billion) in 1995, rising to 6 billioo guilders in 1998. (Reuters)

<u>Calendar</u>

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday.

BRUSSELS: The head of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, suhmits his annual program to EU deputies. STRASBOURG: EU deputy John Tomlinsoo presents his report on frauds against the Union's farm budget

BRUSSELS: EU foreign ministers meet to discuss increasing the European Development Fund to assist African, Caribbean and Pacific countries associated with the Unioo. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1700 GMT.

BRUSSELS: The commission organizes an information session on cooperation with iron and steel industries in Eastern Europe, in the presence of representatives of those nations concerned and of the 15 member states.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

A Bad Surprise in Ozone Readings

Confirming their worst fears, President Hashemi Rafsanjani

of Iran said at a prayer meeting

GENEVA — Record ozone depletion has been recorded over Siberia in the past month, and levels of the gas elsewhere over the Northern Hemisphere are "unusually low," the World Meteorological Organizatioo said

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France, Spain, Greece and of Iran and the Koran."

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Several ambassadors voiced

NATO sources said Tuesday.

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In an update on the state of the earth's protective ozone layer, the United Nations agency also that said it was oo longer possible to attribute ozone lows to the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, which sent vast amounts of aerosol gases into the atmosphere. "The deficiency is much stronger than what

ooe would have expected," said Rumen Bojkov, an ozone expert with the agency. "We did not expect such a hoge area of Asia and Europe to be under such ozone destruction." Late last year the agency reported a record ozone hole over Antarctica during the Antarctic spring, when sunshine and cold air combine to destroy ozone in the stratosphere.

At its peak, in early October, the ozone loss over the region reached 70 percent of the preozone hole average.

sphere and that the Arctic itself, which is still in the depths of the polar winter night, was oot yet affected this year. Over middle northern latitudes, however, the dozens of monitoring stations from which the agency receives data reported significant

decreases in ozone over the past six weeks.

Worst affected was Siberia, where ozone depletion bas reached 35 percent in recent

Elsewhere io Europe, as far south as Spain,

'Unusually Low' Northern Hemisphere Levels Recorded

PORT BATTLE — Crewmen of a Meridian Ferries ship hosing a boat Tuesday carrying French seamen who tried

to keep it from leaving Boulogne-sur-Mer. The protesters object to the recruiting of non-EU crew members.

NATO Chief Under Fire for Islam Remark

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term averages. Large parts of Asia recorded similarly low levels. On the West Coast of the United States, levels were from 5 to 10 percent below average. The East Coast, where stratospherie temperatures are higher, has not been affected.

ozone levels were 10 to 15 percent below loog-

There are many loog-term term dangers associated with ozone destruction. Apart from an increased risk of skin cancer from higher ultraviolet radiation levels, scientists have warned that crops and marine life could

The agency said that there was oo oeed for pecial precautionary measures against harmful ultraviolet-B radiation, bowever, because the sun was still relatively low in middle latitudes and skies were frequently covered by

Low ozone levels in recent years, especially in January and February, 1993, have often been attributed to the Pinatubo volcano eruption, which sent vast amounts of aerosol gases into the atmosphere.

All those aerosols have now disappeared, however, the agency said, leading scientists to conclude that chemicals such as chlorine ox-The agency said Toesday that there was not yet any ozone hole over the Northern Hemirocarbons — and bromine were responsible

> worldwide at the end of 1995, although some other ozone-depleting substances will continue to be produced.

for the depletion. Uoder international agreements including the 1987 Montreal Protocol, production of chlorofluorocarbons will be virtually banned

But according to agency projections, ozone levels will oot return to their pre-ozone bole average until the secood half of the next

Leftist Paris Daily Faces Cutbacks After Revamping

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ping the comparison with com- a diplomatic source said.

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PARIS - A costly revisioo of the leftist French daily Libératioo has failed to increase sales, and the oewspaper will have to cut staff and the oumber of pages, its founder and executive editor, Serge July,

said Tuesday. In a oote to readers in Tuesday's edition, Mr. July said the paper's general manager, Jean-Louis Peninou, resigned Monday at the demand of staff shareholders.

Sources at the newspaper said Libération would have to raise its cover price to 7 francs (\$1.35) from 6 francs, putting it at the same price as the daily Le Monde, while the oumber of pages would fall to 60 from about 80.

They said that about 100 jobs would be lost, or about onefifth of the positions. The paper was losing 14 million francs a month, they added.

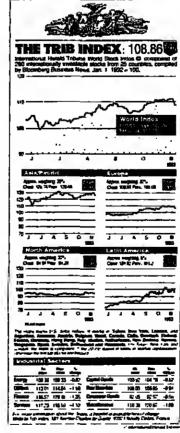
The revision five months ago tripled the oumber of pages, modernized the layout and increased local coverage.

Chernomyrdin to Poland

Agence France-Presse WARSAW - Prime Minis-

ter Viktor S. Chernomyrdin will visit Poland on Friday and Saturday, the Polish government

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Progress Is Reported On Ulster Peace Plan

U.K. and Ireland Near Accord On Next Steps in the Process

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BELFAST — Britain and Ireland said Tuesday that they had made progress toward agreement on a document set-ting out the next steps of a peace plan for Northern Ireland.

A joint statement after talks between Britain's Northern Ire-land secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and the Irish foreign min-ister. Dick Spring, said they hoped to put the document to an Anglo-Irish summit meeting for approval "shortly."

Mr. Spring told a news conference that he expected to hold further talks with Sir Pntrick over the weekend to complete a so-called "framework document" laying out the next step in the 14-month-old Anglo-

The joint statement reported "encouraging progress" and said the two governments "expect to be in a position to put the document to their respective governments shortly." Tuesday's meeting, at Stor-

mont Castle on the outskirts of Belfast, came after months of disruption in Ireland and Brit-ain. A monthlong political crisis

China Says It Has Jailed 10 Million Since 1949

BEUING - China has sent more than 10 million people to prison since the 1949 Communist takeover and 1.29 million are in jail today, the state-run

radio said on Tuesday. Rigorous enforcement of a ber and the establishment of granting early release to 14 IRA prisoners held in Irish jails. prison law enacted in Decem-

John Bruton as prime minister

in mid-December. in London, Mr. Major's ban-dling of the framework agree-ment was challenged by Ulster Unionist Party leaders, who claimed that he was about to approve proposals that would lead to a united Ireland.

A united Ireland is the ultimate goal of the Irish Republican Army and the ultimate nightmare for the Unionists, who want the predominantly Protestant British province to remain part of Britain, not subsumed into the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Irish Repub-

The principal differences be-tween London and Duhlin were Ireland's constitutional claim to overeignty in the north, and the nature of proposals to create cross-border institutions that would increase north-south political and economic cooper-

Mr. Major met Tuesday morning at his Downing Street office with three Ulster Unionist Party leaders to reassure them that proposals in the new framework, including those on cross-border cooperation, were matters for discussion that could be voted down by Unionists in negotiations, or rejected by the Protestant majority in a referendum.

Mr. Major needs the support of the nine Ulster Unionists in Parliament to keep his narrow working majority.

For their part, the Irish have been seeking to encourage the IRA to sustain the cease-fire it began on Sept. 1, partly by



Yvonne Mokgoro, one of two womeo on the constitutional court, being sworn in Tuesday in Johannesburg.

Mandela Opens Nation's First Constitutional Court

I was in court," President Nelson Mandela said Tuesday with a historical flourish that seemed fitting, "was to hear whether or not I was going to be sentenced to death."

That was 31 years ago, and one mem-ber of his legal team back then was a rising young attorney, Arthur Chaskal-

justice Tuesday to officiate over the inauguration of South Africa's first consti-

his side. This time it was as the man he had appointed president judge of the new 11-member court.

worst way. Mr. Mandela and seven codefendants were spared execution. They were sentenced to life in prison, a verdict that changed the course of history. The anti-apartheid struggle drew strength from Mr. Mandela's martyrdom, and he outlived his jail term to become president of a free South Africa.

The swearing-in ceremony Tuesday, held in a makeshift courtroom in a huilding originally intended to house a hospital, was full of personal sagas.

Perhaps the most gripping moment came when a human rights lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, Albie Sachs, rose to take the oath as a new judge. Beneath a specially tailored royal green robe, he

raised the stump of his right arm - the arm blown off in car bomb attack in 1988 almost certainly carried out hy security agents of the apartheid-era gov-

ernment.

The court was created as a result of a post-apartheid constitution written in 1993 after two years of talks between the outgoing white minority government and the incoming black liberation move-

As it happens, seven of the 11 judges are white. But all have a record of opposing apartheid, and to the extent that there has been mild criticism of Mr. Mandela's appointments, it is that too many are too close to his African National Congress.

-PAUL TAYLOR

Mr. Chaskalson lost the 1964 case JOHANNESBURG - "The last time known as the Rivonia trial, but not in the

Mr. Mandela returned to the halls of

Once again, he had Mr. Chaskalson at

Perry Disputes Congress on Missile Fear

In a letter to Coogress, Mr. Perry and Mr. Christopher said the hill would "force

The U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, has said she will recommend that Mr. Clinton veto the

In another development, Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the United States must take a harder line with Russia over sales of arms and nuclear reactors to Iran.

political pressure he faces, Mr. Helms told Mr. Christopher at a committee hearing

aid to Russia because Moscow agreed last month to an estimated \$8 hillion contract to provide reactors and training to Tehran after German companies abandoned the

about Russia's business dealings with Iran and lamented the U.S. failure to bring a halt to the process. But he assured Mr. Helms that the Russians were "not thumb-

trying to persuade Moscow about the dangers of aiding a country that the United States accuses of sponsoring terrorism and pursuing a program to develop nuclear

Thailand, from where he sought

to lead the resistance against

General Ne Win's regime. After

spending 1973-74 in the United States, U Nu and his family

Ne Win's regime in 1983.

At the height of anti-govern-

tember of that year, U Nu de-

to dissolve their government.

house arrest in April 1992.

settled in India.

power that month.

U Nu Is Dead at 87,

Ex-Burma Leader

RANGOON - U Nu. 87.

the only civilian prime minister

in Burma, a country dominated by the military, died Tuesday at

The family did not give the cause of death, but said he had

U Nu, a key figure in modern

Burmese history, retired from politics in the late 1970s, but he

re-emerged during a country-

wide, anti-government uprising

in 1988 with a failed attempt to

declare a parallel government. He was a student leader at

Rangoon University and an ac-tive nationalist before becom-

ing Burma's first prime minister

after the country attained inde-

pendence from Britain in 1948.

U Nu beld the post far most

of the years from independence until March 2, 1962, when Gen-

eral Ne Win took power in a coup. U Nu was detained along

with many other civilian politi-

'passed away peacefully."

home in Rangoon.

Europeans Jump In To Rift on Copyright •

China and U.S. Open Talks As EU Sternly Warns Beijing

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - As U.S. and Chinese negotiators re-opened talks Tuesday aimed at avoiding a trade war, a senior European Union diplomat said Beijing would have to make concessions or risk confronta-

tion with Europe.

"One has the feeling China greatly underestimates the importance of these issues," said Enemne Reuter, the European Union's senior representative in Hong Kong, speaking of the protection of intellectual property rights. "We hope very much that China realizes there are fundamental issues at stake here and makes concessions.

"If the situation is not improved, there will be the same problems between China and Europe," Mr. Reuter said in an unusually firm backing from the European Union for the U.S. threat to impose nearly \$1 billion in retaliatory sanctions on Chinese exports. "We, too, have trade deficits with China."

[A Chinese trade official called Tuesday for flexibility from U.S. negotiators, Bloom-berg Business News reported from Beijing.

["China hopes that the U.S. side will demonstrate flexibility in the new round of talks for an early settlement of the disputes," an official from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation was quoted as saying by the Xinhua

[U.S. and Chinese negotiators were scheduled to hold their first full day of talks Wednesday. The last round of talks on stamping out piracy of U.S. trademarks, patents, music, movies and computer software broke off late last month after nine days of discussions.]

Speaking at a fashion indus-y exhibition featuring more

dismissed suggestions that European companies would bene-fit if Beijing excluded American businesses from future deals in China in response to sanctions due to take effect on Feb. 26.

while the European Union welcomes all the progress the Chinese have made in this area, it is clear they haven't done enough yet," Mr. Renter said. "If there is a trade war, the country that loses out is China"

icism that the European Union has avoided confrontation with China and allowed Washington to risk Beijing's wrath even though European exporters are also harmed by copyright and patent piracy. "It is not the style of the European Umons to be as vocal as the American have been, nor

Mr. Reuter also rebutted crit-

do we have similar domestic political coosiderations," Mr. Reuter said. "But the Americans and the Europeans are only the same wavelength on this is: Mickey Kantor, the U.S.

trade representative, said it was up to China to take action if itwanted to avert U.S. sanctions for copyright violation. Agence France-Presse reported from Washington.

China is the one that is not enforcing intellectual property rights, that is literally allowing our products to be stolen." he said in a television interview.

"We are prepared on Feb. 26, automatically if we don't have. an agreement, to impose 100 percent tariffs on over a billiondollars' worth of goods," Mr.

He said that China's copyright protection laws were good hut that Beijing had failed to enforce them. Washington is particularly anxious that Beijing take action against 29 factories in the south of the country known to be producing than 150 European garment pirated compact diskes and and textile makers eager to expand sales in Asia, Mr. Reuter port.

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SPY: Agent Suggests Another Mole:

Continued from Page 1 United States, Mr. Howard writes that be returned to the United States through Canada under a phony name using a U.S. passport provided by the KGB. He did so because he wanted to speak with his wife, Mary, before announcing his defection to the Soviet Union and adoption of Russian citi-

But the documents he read "expressed the government's confidence in my wife as an informant and the Department of Justice felt that if I did contact her, she would tell them immediately," Mr. Howard

He gave the papers back to the "KGB contact" and the man, dressed in jogging clothes, told him, "Forget everything you know about me."

Mr. Howard's book makes no mention of his wife's statements to the FBI after his escape that the Soviets had paid

him beginning in 1984. Asked about Mr. Howard's account of his trip to the United States, a top FBI official said last week, "The Howard case is sull open; the investigation is

still going on." U Nu returned to Rangoon in August 1980 under a general Mr. Howard's manuscript was shown to the KGB some amnesty and devoted himself to Buddhist studies until civil untime ago, people familiar with the book said. Six months ago. rest caused the fall of General it was submitted to the CIA as

well, according to agency emment demonstrations in Sep- ployees. The agency recently cleared clared himself prime minister of the book for publication in this a 26-member parallel govern-country after deletion of mate-

ment. His movement failed to rial considered sensitive under capture much popular support U.S. security laws, people in-and, like all independent politi-volved with the process said. cal organizations, was crippled The book will carry a notice that the ClA review "neither when a military junta seized constitutes CIA authentication In December 1989, he and 12 of information nor implies CIA associates were detained after endorsement of the author's they refused the junta's orders views." Mr. Howard, according to U Nu was released from

court documents, was dismissed by the CIA in 1983 for drinking, drug use and petty

ing to go to Moscow to handle. Soviet citizens giving information to the agency.

A year later, according to the bureau, when Mr. Howard had resettled in New Mexico, he needed money after pleading guilty to aggravated battery m'a drunken confrontation. At that time, the FBI has said, Mr. Howard began selling the KGB secrets that he had learned. while preparing for his Moscow

Mr. Ames, the confessed spy, has said be began giving information to Moscow on June 13, 1985. That was less than two months before Colonel Yurchenko told CIA officials that the KGB was getting information from a disgruntled former CIA employee who had been assigned to Moscow but whose assignment had been canceled and who began selling secrets to the Soviets in the fall of 1984.

That description fit Mr. Howard, and a warrant for his arrest was issued, but Mr. Howard managed to flee the United

CIA and FBI officials said Mr. Howard's book reopened the question of whether Colonel Yurchenko, who redefected to Moscow two months after Mr. Howard's escape, was a phony defector. They also said the book might have been designed by Russian intelligence to create turmoil within the CIA and

Turkey Reopens Straits As a Two-Day Fog Lifts

ANKARA - Turkey reopened the Bosporus and the Dardanelles to one-way traffic on Tuesday after dense fog lifted. The fog had brought naviga-

tion to a standstill for two days.

The fog, which further aggravated Istanbul's polintion problem, began to lift in early moming. Officials said city traffic,

not return to the negotiating table unless Mr. Robledo stepped down and new elections were called. To reinforce their stance, the rebels

emerged from nearly n year of dormancy on Dec. 19 to take over several towns in central and northern Chiapas. One day later, the Mexican peso collapsed and foreign investors withdrew hillions of dollars from the country.

Investors have given a lukewarm response to Mr. Zedillo's crackdown in Chi-

Mr. Zedillo's action on Tuesday also follows a historic electoral defeat Sunday for his party in the governor's race in the central state of Jalisco.

Political analysts say Mr. Zedillo's reversal on military policy in Chiapas, com-hined with the loss of Jalisco's governorship after 65 continuous years of party rule, leaves the president with an international image of weak leadership and lax support by his people at a time when Zedillo seems very erratic in his decisions, not just in Chiapas but in everything he's

to demobilize the rebels and to capture the group's charismatic leader, Subcom-

Sex Harassment at Work: Manila Makes It a Crime

a law that outlaws sexual harassment in the Philippines and provides for prison terms of up to six months for offenders.

efforts toward social reform," as women make up "the great majority of those who have suffered — and suffered silently - from work-related sexual harassment."

superiors and co-workers or the stigma of being ostracized for having been victims of such crimes." Employers who are found to have demanded sexual favors

The law also requires employers to design their own measures to deter harassment, and allows people to sue for

MANILA - President Fidel V. Ramos on Tuesday signed

the presidential palace announced. He said at the signing ceremooy that the law capped "our

President Ramos said that the law would reduce women's fears of being fired, penalized or ridiculed, and that employees "no longer oeed to suffer the unwanted advances of their

to six months.

damages if they are barassed.

Opponents of the law contend that it will provide employ-

ees with a means to blackmail their bosses.

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William J. Perry said Tuesday that a threat from ballistic missiles developed by Iran. Iraq or Libya was more than 10 years away

ment of new anti-missile systems.

He and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher also said they would recom-mend that President Bill Clintoo veto a Republican-hacked national security hill on this and other issues if Congress passed

and that he saw no need for rapid develop-

it in its present form. The bill, which the House of Representatives is to consider Wednesday, calls on the administration to develop a new antimissile system "as soon as practical" and says Mr. Perry should submit a plan for its

deployment within 60 days.
"We see no significant threat at this time against the continental United States," Mr. Perry said. "We see countries like Iran and Iraq and Libya trying to develop a capability and we would consider that a

pose as decoys to catch these

men in the act," said Rakesh

Sharma, an inspector in the women's crime division. In ad-

dition to the undercover raids

threat if they had achieved such a capability. We estimate that threat is more than 10

the United States onto a crash-schedule deployment of a national missile defense."

hill, which also contains provisions on UN peacekeeping unacceptable to the adminis-

While expressing sympathy for President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and the

that "somewhere, we've got to draw a line in the sand about such things." Some senators have urged an end to U.S.

The U.S. administration has strongly protested to Russia but has not found a way to block the reactor deal.

Mr. Christopher expressed coocern

The secretary said he had not given up

SEX CRIMES: South Asia Goes to Women's Rescue Women Cell, said that once a is one of the first in the region

The Associated Press MANILA — A hunk of metal at first believed to be a World War II platinum treasure valued at \$480 million has turned out to be a rusty lump of cast iron, the

they began two months ago. squad members also patrol the huses wearing arm bands identifying them as the Anti-Eve-Most of the time, however,

Platinum Find Turns to Dust

government said Tuesday. Its value: less than \$600.

Science Secretary William Padolina said tests conducted on the metal showed it contained only 0.0005 percent platinum and 92 percent iron. Mr. Padolina said it weighed 1.45 tons and was probably used as a moor for a buoy.

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"Because the girls won't come forward with complaints, our women constables have to marriage.

proach.

ic Pakistan, women frequently woman's name is "involved in a to take a more aggressive apare jailed for adultery when they report they have been raped. In Bangladesh, a 14year-old girl recently was tied to bamboo canes and beaten 80 times with a broom by village en being raped by policemen officials because she could not when they go to a police station produce a witness to the rape to file a complaint in a sex she said was committed against her by a village man. In India, when an individual

does not specify whether the individual has been charged or is filing the charge. Sundari Nanda, chief of the

Delhi police's Crime Against

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which ground to a halt on Monday, had returned to normal.

Denouncing Zapatista leaders as "delin-Denouncing Zapatista leaders as "deun-quents" and criminals in a speech last Thursday, Mr. Zedillo ordered army-troops and federal judicial police in Chis-pas with the objective of capturing the rebel leadership. So far, however, the infli-tary has failed in its two main objectives.

cians and released in 1966. Since then, he had spent most He went into exile in 1969 in of his time at home, thievery just as he was orepar-MEXICO: Rebels Win Major Plank as Chiapas Governor Offers to Resign Continued from Page 1 apas, with the Mexican stock market reinvestors are looking to him for bold and maining depressed this week. That has defied analysts' predictions that the marobserve tax strikes. The Zapatistas, comdecisive action. posed mainly of the state's large Mayan Indian minority, launched their uprising Jan. 1, 1994, demanding broad political "I am totally confused by all of these ket would recover because of of a President events," said Adolfo Aguilar Zinzer, an Bill Chinton's announcement on Jan. 31 ol independent federal legislator. "President more than \$50 billion in loan guarantees to and social reforms. Zapatista leaders had said they would

INTERNATIONAL

Tourists Visit Grave Of Israeli Murderer A Day of Protest and Homage Marks Massacre Anniversary

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches KIRYAT ARBA, Israeli-Occupied West Bank - Jewish settlers and American tourists made pilgrimages to the grave of Baruch Goldstein on Tuesday while Arabs in nearby Hebron mourned the Muslim worshipers he killed in a mosque massacre a year ago.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel reacted angrily to Israelis who paid tribute to Dr. Goldstein.

"If necessary, we will also take steps in the face of utterances we hear in the Israeli media from Israelis who support the despicable act of the murderer Goldstein, and who even call for a repetition of his

deed," Mr. Rabin said.
"This is incitement to murder, and those in charge of the judicial system and law enforcemeot must deal with them," he

Dr. Goldstein, a physician and military reservist, gunned down 29 Arabs in the Ibrahim Mosque, near the Tomb of the Patriarchs, last Feb. 25 before survivors killed him.

The anniversary was marked in blood Tuesday, as Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian teenager and wounded six c" jers on the West Bank.

Troops fired on stone-throwers in a refugee camp on the edge of Hebron, killing Sami

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Mohammed Najar, 16, aod wounding five other protesters. In Tulkarem, soldiers shot a youth who was lobbing rocks at an Israeli bus, military officials

In Hebron, demonstrations were beld overnight, in which hundreds of Palestinians hurled

stones at troops. Youths were back on the streets Tuesday, setting tires ablaze as a general strike paralyzed Hebron. Tulkarem, Ramallah and Nablus were also partly closed.

Hundreds of Muslims filed into the Tomb of the Patriarchs for a service in memory of the 29 Palestinians killed last year. Under the Muslim calendar, the anniversary fell on Tuesday-Wednesday.

Jewish tourists visited Dr. way to start a tour of Israel than to see the place where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are buried and to come here," said Avi Dobuler, a guide, as he ushered a busload of religious Jews from the United States to the grave-

Small groups of settlers, some with toddlers in tow, stopped to offer prayers in the plaza around the grave or to light candles in remembrance of

the American-born doctor. The ultranationalist Jews of



Israeli taxi drivers, outside the prime minister's Jerusalem office Tuesday, protesting a colleague's killing by an Arab.

Kiryat Arba said they mourned cusing on his "good deeds" as a Dr. Goldstein every day.

Aharon Friedberg, a Kiryat Arba councilman, said Dr. Goldstein's family and friends would hold a memorial ceremopreparing a commemorative al-bum about Dr. Goldstein, fo-

doctor.

"He was simply a saint, really like an angel," said a woman, who declined to give ber name. "When be was killed, it was a Goldstein's grave. "What better ny Thursday. He said be was terrible loss to the Jewish peo-

(Reuters, AFP)

BOOKS

Cairo's Gatekeepers: A Dying Dynasty Omniscient Apartment-Building Lords Are Losing Their Hold

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

CAIRO - Abdu Hafiz, a stocky man in huffed his way up the dimly lit stairs to the fifth-floor apartment at 14 Gazira St.

"Abdu!" shouted a woman, who poked her bead from her doorway. "I don't have any water!"

"They are fixing the tank on the roof, madame," he said, "There will be water in a few minutes.'

There wasn't. It would be two bours before the water, streaked with brown, gurgled back through the old pipes. But the tenant was placated, at least for the moment, and Mr. Hafiz walked slowly downstairs to the tranquillity of his tea and his newspaper by the front door of the apartment building.

In this ancient, overcrowded city, the bawabs — or gatekeepers — always have been king. They are doormen and building superintendents rolled into one. They know the most intimate details of the lives of the Cairenes they serve. And they can inflict a great deal of misery if wads of money are not deposited regularly into the

palms of their hands. "We know everything," said Mohammed Hassan, who has been a bawab for 25 years at an apartment building near the Nile. "We know everyone here and their

relatives. We know all about them, who they like and who they hate. We know how many people are in each apartment, the hours they leave for work, the hours they

come home and where they go at night." They are one of the city's most enduring institutions, often featured in films and stories about Cairo. Not the least of the bawabs' traditions has been that most have been Nubians, a darker-skinned ethnic group from southern Egypt and northern

But the Nubians, famed for their reliability, dignity and imposing height, are being replaced by local men who have finished their army service and need a job. And after an increase in attacks against foreigners and government officials by Islamic militants, many landlords are lurning to private security companies and uniformed guards.

The disappearance of the Nubian bawabs, who could spend decades at the same residence, signals for many in Cairo

"If you can't find a Nubian bawab you had better take care of yourself," Mr. Hassan said. "But now there are fewer and fewer of us. Most are dead or have re-

The four to six bawabs in most buildings take shifts at the front door. They run errands, wash cars and carry heavy packages. They clean the building and oversee

painters who maintain the building. They are tipped bandsomely by young couples who slip into the building and expect them to be discreet. And they are tipped bandsomely by couples who want to know when an apartment will be available for rent. Many bawabs, taking advantage of the severe housing shortage, double as real-estate agents. In one high-priced building on the island of Zamalek, bawabs demand \$2,000 for finding an empty

The men said they would not find apartments for Gulf Arabs.

"We never lease apartments to the Gulf Arabs," said Hassan Radwan, a 56-yearold bawab. "The owners of the apartments don't like it. The Gulf Arabs ruin the carpets and the furniture.

The favorite prev of the bawabs are the European American and Asian tenants, who often speak little Arabic.

"The foreigners usually up us better than the Egyptians," said Ramadan Faouzi, a 24-year-old bawab.

But the life can be hard. In the winter, the basement rooms where the bawabs typically live can be cold and wet. In the summer, the heat and dust are stifling. The bawabs often bear the brunt of tenants' complaints. And, despite the tips, they rarely make more than \$100 a month.

Lufthansa Faces Boycott After Barring Rushdie

BONN - German writers and publishers opened a campaign Tuesday to boycott Lufthansa in protest of the German airline's refusal to accept the author Salman Rushdie as a

Two hundred people who signed a petition published in German newspapers Tuesday said they hoped to get 20,000 more signatures and to cost the airline 2 million Deutsche marks (\$1.2 million) in lost income this year.

They accused the government-owned airline of being cowardly in bowing to an Iranian death sentence imposed against the oovelist six years ago. Mr. Rushdie has complained that British Airways and Lufthansa refused to allow him oo their flights for fear of terrorism.

A PLACE IN THE WORLD CALLED PARIS

Edited by Steven Barclay, 168 pages. \$18.95. Chronicle Books.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr

DARIS was once a good city for artists because it was beautiful and cheap and because the French disdain for foreigners sometimes appeared to be benevolent tolerance. It is no longer cheap, real estate speculation and postmodernist architecture have gouged its beauty, and the French are a lot less French than they used to be.

Steven Barclay, who lived in Paris as a child in the 1960s, has put together in a handsome book more than 170 quotes, fic-tion and oon, from 20th-centufore washing machines and re- 'bard work." (1921).

volving credit. Some of these writers oever really saw Paris at all, save through their own fan-tasies, but it doesn't matter. It is easy to quibble with a

book like this - why Cocteau. and Gide talking about Proust, but no Proust? Why no current many, but Patrick Modiano's Paris would have enriched the book. But those are quibbles. These are Barclay's choices, and he's the editor. Gertrude Stein; "From 1900

to 1930, Paris did change a lot. They always told me that America changed but it really did not change as much as Paris did in those years that is the Paris that one can see, but then there is no remembering what it looked like through the streets - and evbefore and even no remembering what it looks like now." (1940). T. S. Eliot; "The chief danger

ry artists, mostly writers, and about Paris is that it is such a journalists. Some of the quotes strong stimulus, and like most are wonderful, some dull, all stimulants incites to rushing evocative and many, even the about and produces a pleasant most recent, somehow about illusion of great mental activity some other, distant Paris, be rather than the solid results of

Mavis Gallant: "Sandor Speck's first art gallery in Paris was on the Right Bank, near the cburch of Ste-Elisabeth, on a street too narrow for cars. When his block was wiped off the map

to make way for a five-story garage, Speck crossed the Seine to the shadow of Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre, where he set up shop in a picturesque slum protected by law from demolition. When this gallery was blown up by Basque eparatists, who had mistaken it for a travel agency exploiting the beauty of their coast, he collected his insurance money and

moved to the Faubourg Saint-Germain," (1979) Katherine Mansfield: "A wind like a carving knife cut erybody began to run - so did I into a cafe and there I sat and drank a cup of hot black coffee. Then for the first time I felt in Paris. It was a little café & hideous - with a black marble top to the counter garni with lozenges of white and orange. Chauffenrs and their wives &

fat men with immense photo-

graphic apparatus sat in it and a white fox terrier bitch thin and eager ran among the

Vladimir Nabokov: "I was to spend many years in Paris, tied to that dismal city by threads of a Russian writer's livelihood. Nothing then, and nothing now, in backcast, has or had for me any of the spell that enthralled

my compatriots." (1974). Jacques-Heori Lartigue; The end of German occupation liberates my camera! I look out at Paris with new eyes. All of Paris! The miracle is oot that she is only slightly scarred, oor that she has oot been completely demolished, but that she is

still there." (1944). International Herald Tribune

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About Yeltsin's Health

No one in Russia understands the power of political imagery better than President Boris Yeltsin, who consolidated his leadership when he helped stop the August 1991 coup by standing on a tank and urging his countrymen to resist the attempted takeover. That makes his stumbling appearance last Friday at a meeting in Kazakhstan with the leaders of 12 former Soviet republics all the

more shocking and puzzling.

At a moment when his presidency has been badly shaken by the hrutal Russian attack on Chechnya, Mr. Yeltsin wohhled across the sidewalk in the Kazakh capital of Alma-Ata, desperately gripping aides for support. His face was puffy and sallow. Before canceling a later news conference, he tried to answer questions at a photo session and was harely able to speak. These scenes were filmed by Associated Press Television, hut not broadcast on the main Russian television news.

After years of dodging questions about his health and his drinking. Mr. Yeltsin owes his country and the world a candid accounting. The performance in Alma-Ata moves the issue beyond the discreet conversation of diplomais, hecause Mr. Yeltsin's ability to govern Russia is now in question.

Russia, which has been moving into a more democratic and open era, seems eerily similar to the pre-Gorbachev Soviel Union when the faltering health of three consecutive Communist Party leaders — Leonid Brezhnev, Yuri Andropov

and Konstantin Chernenko - was considered a state secret.

Mr. Yeltsin has complained of a bad back, and may be on medication to ease the pain. He reported a "physical breakdown" in 1987 when he was hospitalized after a confrontation with Mikhail Gor-hachev that led to his dismissal from the Polithuro. Supporters say he has a low tolerance for alcohol and can disable himself for days with an evening of heavy drinking. A sign of trouble came in the fall when he snubbed Irish leaders waiting to greet him during a refueling stop in Ireland. Aides said he had overslept.

Whatever the problem, or combination of problems, Mr. Yeltsin cannot expect to retain authority when he seems inca-pacitated and offers no explanation. Moscow's political culture, beginning long before the Bolsheviks, has not been kind to wounded leaders, and even in this more democratic day the piranhas will strike swiftly. Hiding the truth about Mr. Yeltsin's bealth will only increase the

chances for plotting and instability.
For the United States, the IMF and others considering expanded financial as-sistance for Russia, Mr. Yeltsin's behavior can only encourage doubts about the condition of a developing democracy where something as critical as the health of the president is cloaked by his staff. If he remains committed to untangling Russia from its authoritarian past, he and his doctors must quickly come clean.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Economic Downsides

While the American economy has had a very good year, it continues to suffer from weaknesses and malfunctions that are creating serious trouble for it over the long baul. President Bill Clinton made that point in his annual economic report on Monday, when he first celebrated the 5 million additional jobs since he took office hut then observed that more than balf of the country's work force is getting lower wages today than 10 years ago.

The standard of living is rising only very slowly because productivity (what the average working person can produce in an hour of labor t is rising very slowly. As the president's Council of Economic Advisers observes, that weak performance is evidently related to inadequacies in education, investment and technical research and development. But all of that lies mainly beyond the reach of the White House. Investment and increasingly research and development are mostly up to private business, while education is chiefly the

job of state and local government. The administration is at work trying to remedy all these shortfalls, but Mr. Clinton is not the first president to find that he is able to deal with most of them only indirectly and peripherally. On the subject of poor productivity growth, there is a striking similarity between this year's economic report and the one that George Bush's economic advisers wrote in the

campaign year 1992. Mr. Bush's economists, like Mr. Clinton's, emphasized the growing dispersion in incomes - that is, the growing distance between the top fifth and the bottom fifth of the income ladder. That disparity began to widen a quarter of a century ago, and it continues for reasons that are not entirely clear but seem to be driven by technological change.

It has set up vicious circles that a succession of administrations of both parties have been unable to break. Some 23 percent of American children live in poverty. Poverty correlates strongly. as economists say, with dropping out of school. Dropping out correlates strongly with low productivity and further poverty.

A generation ago, both politicians and economisis thought that the federal government could exercise close control over the economy. Now they find themselves dealing with deep social and industrial changes, the consequences of which no one has yet fully worked out. At one point in this report, Mr. Clinton's advisers ask themselves whether it is possible to push the country to much higher levels of growth without inflation. Reluctantly, they conclude that it is not. For 1995 they forecast a pretty good year. But they do not hold out much hope that any of the long-standing trends in this economy are going to change quickly or easily.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Pentagon Give and Take

House Republicans seem determined to boost Pentagon spending, no matter the price. Even before dehate begins about the 1996 budget, the House Appropriations Committee bas voted to increase the current budget for peacekeeping operations and readiness by \$3.2 billion. To pay for the increase without widening the budget deficit, they cut \$1.5 billion from other Pentagon programs. The remaining \$1.7 billion will come out of domestic spending, including \$200 million in job training for disadvantaged youth. The better way is to make up the entire amount from the defense budget.

The Clinton administration originally requested \$2.6 hillion to establish a kitty that the Pentagon could draw on to cover operations in the Gulf, Haiti, Korea, Bosnia, Somalia and the waters off Cuba. House Republicans added \$670 million to the request to pay for additional readiness — funding for training, field exercises and maintenance.

The administration makes a plausible case that without the supplemental funds, it may be forced to shortchange readiness to cover unanticipated costs of operations. The House bill would ease that concern. It also makes some judicious cuts in Pentagon programs, like eliminating the full \$319 million for a new standoff attack missile, which the administration intends to cancel.

Other Republican cuts are less warranted, like removing funding to clean up closed-down military bases and \$110 million to build housing for Russian military retirees - which would make Americans more secure hy helping Moscow shrink its army. Mark Hatfield, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, rightly plans to resist targeting domestic programs for most of the other cuts. The offsetting cuts should come from the Pentagon budget for unnecessary new weapons like the Seawolf submarine.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

End Farm Subsidies in America

Farm subsidies in the OECD nations now cost around \$330 hillion a year, yet Europe and Japan cling stubbornly to them. During the Uruguay Round, farm subsidies almost broke the trade talks. Although reductions were finally made. in the embittered atmosphere that lingers no one has the stomach to finish the attack on farm subsidies which, in truth. has barely begun.

When New Zealand slashes its farm subsidies, the world shrugs. If America

were to slash its own, Japan and the European Union would find that their subsidies were a good deal harder to defend. With the GATT negotiations over, America need no longer fret that by chopping farm programs it gives away bargaining chips. That is another reason. if another were needed, why this year's American farm hill ought to be the time for change that goes beyond revenue assurance to outright subsidy abolition. If

the global gridlock in agriculture is to be broken, someone must budge first. - The Economist (London).



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Drop the Mean Mood and Keep Minding the Children

NEW YORK — tilness has forced me to resign as executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund after 15 years. It has been a privilege to serve a cause as noble as that of the world's children, who are our collective future. From my hospital hed, t would

like to share some personal concerns.

As the United States rethinks and reforms its social and foreign aid policies. we must ensure that children - American children and the poorest children in the world's poorest countries — are not caught in the political cross fire. Bipartisanship for children has worked well in the past; it can work now.

To ensure that their well-being is not inadvertently sacrificed to partisan or ideological interests, Americans must re-

More than 100 developing nations are making significant progress toward the goals set four years ago.

affirm that children constitute a special case requiring consistent hipartisan ac-tion and a first call on society's resources. Four years ago, the World Summit for Children set amhitious goals: a major reduction in child deaths; a halving of ehild malnutrition; immunization levels of 90 percent; complete eradication of polio; an end to iodine deficiency, which causes most cases of preventable mental By James P. Grant

This article was written shortly before Mr. Grant's death on Jan. 28.

retardation; a drastic reduction in the number of children who go blind; an effective primary education for at least 80 percent of girls as well as boys; clean water and safe sanitation for all communities; and universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Some of these goals were to be achieved by 1995, others by 2000. Most industrial nations have already achieved these tar-gets. But in impoverished inner cities of wealthy and developing countries alike, reaching them is an urgent priority.

Achieving the goals will mean that

some 2.5 million fewer children will die in 1996 than in 1990. Tens of millions will be spared the insidious sabotage wrought on their development by malnu-trition. At least 750,000 fewer children each year will be disabled, blinded, crippled or mentally retarded.

Achievement of the 1995 targets will pave the way toward meeting the hroader goals set for 2000, proving that it is possible to eradicate some of poverty's worst manifestations in the lives of the young. There is something selfish, something

excluding, something cruel in the temper recent times that deeply concerns me. It has led to an unraveling or weakening of the social fabric, of nations, communities and families, in many countries. What is particularly worrisome about this meanspiritedness is that it is gaining ground

precisely when, for the first time in history, we have the means to satisfy the basic

needs of each and every human being. It would be a tragie mistake to suc-cumb to pessimism just when so much

progress is being made.
In the 1995 "State of the World's Children" report, Unicef has good news from the developing world. More than 100 of the developing nations—with more than 90 percent of the developing world's children - are making significant progress toward the goals set four years ago. These achievements have not made the nightly news, but they have changed the lives of millions of families in some of the world's poorest communities where people have been empowered to help themselves.

These achievements are a suitable reply to those who say that goals are only set and never met, that there is only disaster and failure to report from the developing world, or that the United Nations family of organizations is not effective in helping to make the world a better place.

The task now for rich countries and

poor is to get behind this momentum for change, to push toward the achievement of the great goals that have been set for the year 2000, and to overcome the worst

aspects of poverty on the planet.

More than a half-century ago, thanks
to the Industrial Revolution, Arnold Toynbee wrote: "Our age is the first since the dawn of history that has dared dream it practical to make the benefits of civilization available to all." That daring dream is even more practical today. If, through a failure of nerve, an im-

pulse of selfishness, a confusion of priorities, a loss of self-confidence, we deny that dream and walk into the 21st centu-

ry looking hackward, bumankind will pay for its shortsightedness in spades. The United States has provided enormous leadership to UN development efforts at many critical junctures — from John Kennedy's launching of the First Development Decade to U.S. backing of smallpox eradication — and I am sure that U.S. leadership will continue to play

a vital role in the future. By continuing to invest in American children and strengthening families, and hy ensuring that foreign assistance makes difference in the lives of the world's poorest children, the United States, as the world's sole superpower, would once more set the global standard and give a major boost to human development and

economic growth at home and ahroad. Surveys in the industrialized countries show continuing support for aid and development — if that aid and development are focused on the poorest, and belp people to help themselves. Politicians in both U.S. parties need to make it unthinkable for a country like America to turn its back on children and the poor.

Over the years I have seen how governments, opposing political parties, even armed adversaries, as well as the husiness sector, nongovernmental organizations and local communities, can work together for human progress — first and fore-most for children. Let us all face forward toward the children, our collective future.

International Herald Tribune.

Dresden Wasn't Innocent, but Neither Was the Burning of Its People

DRESDEN — In this bloody century, Germans have sinned more than they have been sinned against. Thus none of the many 50th anniversary observances have marked German victimbood. Until now.

This week has brought the halfcentury anniversary of the fire-bomhing of Dresden, one of the most horrendous acts — 35,000 civilian deaths - in a war more horrific than any in history.

It was not the first traumatic fire in Dresden, whose magnificent architecture testified to its pivotal position in German history and culture. On the morning of Nov. 10, 1938, the people of Dresden came out to see what they had done the night before — Kristallnacht, the best organized nationwide pogrom against the Jews.

Among the many establishments destroyed by fire was the central synagogue. The painter Otto Griebel later wrote of viewing the rubble with Franz Hackel. an eccentric well-known in Dresden as something of a propbet. "This fire will come back," Mr. Hackel said. "It will make a great arch and return to us.

By Donald Koblitz and Christian Habbe

It took six and a balf years to fulfill that prophecy. Shortly after 10 P.M. on Feb. 13, 1945, Dresden's citizens heard, as survivors later described it, sounds like "falling trees" and "onrushing locomotives." Britain's Fifth Bomber Squadron was starting the two-day bombing campaign, Within 23 minutes, 3,000 beavy fragmentation bombs, 250 incendiary bombs and 400,000 small incendiary fire

sticks" fell on the city. The next day a second wave of bombers, mostly American, followed. They turned the center of the city, already engulfed in flames, into a fire storm with hurricane winds. The heat at ground level reached 1,000 degrees centigrade; glass bottles stored in drugstore basements melted. Some 1,600 hectares, largely apartment buildings, were obliterated -along with the men, women and

children who inhahited them. For days afterward, many ouildings gutted by fire - including the Frauenkirche, the Baroque church that was the symbol of the city - remained standing as their

embers cooled, only to suddenly collapse in on themselves.

The peace of the dead settled over the city, broken by an eagle that escaped from the zoo, circling over the ashes.

There were no military targets in Dresden. According to British archives, the city was chosen largely because it was still intact. a necessary prerequisite for the elaborate bombing pattern de-signed to spark a firestorm, a technique never before used on such a monstrous scale. Berlin was spared by virtue of the beavy bombing that had already cut wide swaths of destruction and would bave been a firehreak.

A very different Germany, now reunified, has begun to openly discuss the sin that was visited on Dresden. Until now, the legacy of other European cities laid waste by their forefathers - Coventry. Rotterdam, Belgrade, Stalingrad - did not give Germans much leeway for finger-pointing.

The Holocaust was such an unthinkable horror, the Nazi dictatorship so uniquely evil, that the

calculated fire-bombing of more than half a million defenseless civilians in the dying days of the war had fallen by the wayside.

Now a growing self-confidence and the rise of a new generation have given Germans the impetus to speak openly, without political motivation, of this anniversary. We saw a few signs of this at the 40th anniversary 10 years ago, and in more rancorous tones in 1992 when England's Queen Mother dedicated a statue in London to the British general wbo planned the firebombing, Arthur (Bomber) Harris.

But this year the question of Germany's right to mark the event, and to categorize it as a war crime, bas been discussed at the highest levels.

It is a sign of Germany's political maturity that, in advance of the anniversary, public discussion covered more than just the destruction of the city. Germans have admitted that Dresden was steeped in sin well before the British Lancaster bombers arrived.

Under its Nazi gauleiter, Martin Mutschmann, Dresden's "racial purification" campaigns were

the envy of the Reich. This cotured capital of Saxony was cursoring art years before the Nazis' famous 1937 exhibit of "degener- 11

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ate" art works in Munich. ... Some reactionaries continue to equate German victims with victims of Nazi atrocities. But they find little echo in Germany and little reception among leaders of legitimate political parties. Dresden is, rather, one of the symbols which, along with the Nazi atrocities, have caused most Germans to treat all military action, including the Gulf War, with skepticism.

Few expend energy over why Dresden met such a tortured death. Those who dispute which side started the war are simply not taken seriously anymore,

It is only natural for Germans to consider the charcoaling of the people of Dresden. It is a lesson for all of us on the evils of war.

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When Productivity Is Up but Pay Isn't, Democratic Civility Is Down

XXXASHINGTON - Reading V the business pages these days is an increasingly surreal experience. The Federal Reserve recently raised interest rates out of concern that its six interest rate increases in 1994 "have not yet slowed economic growth." Obvi-ously, you can't be too vigilant when it comes to fighting the scourge of economic growth.

Soon it appeared that the Fed's fears were groundless, as "stock and bond markets rallied on the news" of a rise in unemployment. This surely pleased the Fed also. for declining unemoloyment even more than economic growth "particularly worrisome to Fed olficials." Because "the competition for workers is so strong that wages will start to increase more rapidly." And rising wages are a definite no-no.

In today's topsy-tury language of economics, less is more

and up is down. This extends far beyond the Fed and its obsession with avoiding inflation at any cost. The discourse of limits is ubiquitous with constant calls for "streamlining" and "downsizing."
What are these words, if not

euphemisms for a lower standaro of living? Austerity dominates the public policy debate, with most experts agreeing on the need for fewer government services to go

with low wages and joh insecurity. The truth is this: Most of America's leaders — including economists, politicians and the chattering classes - have concluded that the economy can grow only slowly, and that the standard of living for most families essentially cannot grow at all. What is more, they expect this to be true for many years to come,

perhaps indefinitely. It is hard to overstate what a profound change this represents for American society. And it has happened with extraordinarity little dehate - or even real recognition - by the public.

Through the 1950s and 60s, a growing economy and shared prosperity were the nation's first principles. Democrats and Republicans, management and laoor — whatever they might disagree over, broad prosperity was a common denominator. Walter W. Heller, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers for Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, said exonomic growth was both "the pot of gold

and the rambow. He meant that prosperity was not only a value in its own right. but was also necessary for addressing social problems. It was By Guy Molyneux

the political and economic prerequisite for tackling poverty and racism, because economic security is the best antidote to resentment. Mr. Helfer and his historical peers would consider today's anti-growth policies hizarre, but would find the consequences — a nasty, zero-sum politics with

powerful racial undercurrents eminently predictable. The economic realities have changed as radically as expectations. For a quarter-century after World War II, working-class and

U.S. workers produce far more goods and services per hour than they did 25 years ago, and yet receive about the same wage. It seems fair to ask why.

middle-class Americans experienced regular growth in wages and benefits. Productivity and total output grew, and all but the poorest saw their standard of living improve. An unemployment rate of 4 percent, well below what economists today consider "full employment," was cause for alarm

and rapid government response. Since about the mid-1970s the story has been far different. Average hourly wages have stayed flat, and actually fallen significantly for large sectors of the work force. A young male high school graduate, for example, earns 30 percent less today than his counterpart earned in 1979. Family incomes have risen somewhat, but only because of wom-

en's increased work hours. Some would argue that this transition was inevitable, that the rapid growth of the immediate postwar era was unsustainable once other nations emerged from the wreckage of World War II and competed with the United States. We Americans needed to learn the reality of timits. We had deified economic growth in an unhealthy way, consumed vast resources and developed a sense of casual entitlement to ever greater wealth. Perhaps these changes, if difficult, were for the better?

This is the dominant view today, and it can be seductive. It appeals both to liberal impulses, such as concern for the environment and the world's poor, and also to Americans' more Puritan instinct that suffering now is the best road to later reward. But it is seriously misleading.

Certainly we cannot measure quality of life only in GNP statistics - which do not capture much that defines the good life and include much that is antithetical to it. But we have not sacrificed economic growth in favor of green imperatives, or to spend more time with our children.

America has not decided that a rising standard of living is something it should not have. Its leaders have decided that it is something we cannot have.

More important, we must distinguish between overall growth and wages. As economic growth decelerated, wage growth was stopped in its tracks, and actually went into reverse for younger and less educated people. Yet productivity did not stop growing in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. The rate of increase simply slowed (and there is even debate over that).

So U.S. workers produce far mnre goods and services per hour than they did 25 years ago, and vet receive about the same wage. It seems fair to ask why.

After all, if productivity grows but 80 percent of the society sees no change in its standard of living, someone is dning pretty well. To a large extent, it is the same people who carry out national political and economic debates. The leadership strata have found it easy to embrace an ethos of limits in part because it is other people

who will be limited. Indeed, experts' initial reaction to stagnant wages and growing inequality was denial. They said it wasn't true. As accumulating evidence made that case untenable. we began to hear that short-term pain would hring long-term gain. After the deindustrialization and corporate downsizing would come the good times, thanks to higher productivity. Now that argument, too, is fading.

Reality was on display again recently when Boeing announced layoffs amounting to 6 percent of its work force. Many business leaders acknowledge that they can see no end to downsizing. Polls suggest that the public has figured out the truth, too: 83 percent believe that more downsizing is ahead, and 77 percent say the economy is mainly producing low-wage jobs.

It turns out that there is no gain, just pain. A leaner and meaner economy leads to more leanness and more meanness

Will the American people accept a permanent downsizing of

their life expectations? That will nomic equality. As John Kenneth depend largely on whether any leaders step forward to challenge the new orthodoxy of limits and offer something better. This may

be starting to happen.

Many Democrats sharply attacked the Fed's recent interest rate increase. In a major speech, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt contrasted the old economy ("where workers increased productivity and profits, and shared in the rewards") with more recent increases in inequality. He ehallenged corporations to pursue a high-wage economie path, and urged that government provide both carrots and sticks

to get them there. Voters understand that excessive growth can spur inflation. but most would be surprised to learn that a rigid upper limit on growth has been established. And they would be shocked to discover that their own government intervenes aggressively in the economy to block real wage growth thereby effectively guaranteeing that the benefits of greater productivity flow only to capital.

never to labor. This is a complex reality, one not easily translated into the political arena, but is potentially ex-

plosive politics.
Growth was once a consensus across ideological lines, and conservatives might want to recall its advantages. The central political achievement of shared prosperity was allowing the nation to finesse 1930s-era questions about eco-

Galbraith wrote: "Production has eliminated the more acute tensions associated with inequality. Increasing aggregate output is an alternative to redistribution." More affluent Americans may come to regret their decision not to share the wealth a bit more, if concern over growth reopens a 50-yearold debate over who gets what.

Finally, economic stagnation has had another consequence that neither liberals nor conservatives should find any satisfaction in. As the nation has lost faith in prosperity, it also suffered a greater loss of belief in national possibilities. Today, Americans talk and act like a poor nation. We cut back on space exploration and scientific research, reject proposals to invest seriously in our cities, and refuse to pay peacekeeping dues to the United Nations. We have downsized our imaginations and our amhition along with our economy.

In truth, though, America remains a wealthy nation - vastly richer than in 1960, when any achievement seemed within our reach. While we talk in fatalishe tones about "limits," they are largely self-imposed. It is time to recommit ourselves to the idea of prosperity for all Americans, and to the greater national possibilities it provides.

The writer is president of the Next America Foundation. He contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: New York Grippe

PARIS —[The Herald says in an editorial:] Like Paris, New York is again having a spell of influenza or grippe, as it was named three years ago when the epidemic first appeared, the American metropohis borrowing the word from the French capital. The malady seems to be undoubtedly connected to the severity of the weather, but doctors are not yet agreed as to its real nature. This winter it is more severe in New York than last, the deaths from this cause alone run-

1920: Husband or Wife?

ning up into the hundreds.

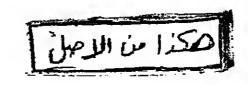
LONDON - Whether the hushand or wife should hold the family purse strings is heing publicly discussed by two of the most prominent women publicists in Great Britain. One says that woman's control of the household

spells economy and that her management of State affairs would save millions of dollars. The other claims that the average woman is unable to manage a house, spends foolishly on small quantities of oods and the husband must look after wages until woman is educaled to take care of such thing.

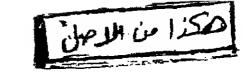
1945: Dresden Set Alire

LONDON - Following a INCO-

ly-four-hour period in which more than 2,100 American and British heavy bombers struck weighty blows in direct support of the Russian armies, German radio reported tonight [Feb. 44] that "strong enemy formations were headed for Saxony. Dreden, capital of this German pro-vince and bastion of the Nau defenses against the Soviet left flank, was heavily hlitzed last night. American Flying Fortres es found the city ahlaze.



OPINION/LETTERS



Foster Ought to Be Wearing a Medal for His Services

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first couple of days, the issue seemed quite elear — and the adversary. The and abortion movement is using all its power to kill the nomination as U.S. surgeon general of a respected physician because he has carried out a medical procedure not only legal but constitu-

uonally upheld by the Supreme Court. So I reacted simply against the antiabortionists for using their political clout to block Dr. Henry Foster. Where would it leave us if a nominee were blocked for acting completely within the law?

My mind was poised for the keyboard when it struck me that I had the wrong target. Like most Americans I am not "pro-abortioo" but I am pro the right of women to make their own decisions, whether or not the reason or the social aesthetic coincides with my tastes.

The unrelenting pressure by the prolife movement disgusts me. I do not mean only the morders at clinics. I think they come from a fringe for whom the only answer is life imprisonment, at least. But blocking access to the elinics, thrusting disgusting posters, shouting threats and hounding clinic employees By A. M. Rosenthal

- that is a deliberate tactic of the antiabortion movement itself.

Have we forgotten when blockade, vilification and harassment were the weapons of the left, particularly in the universities? They brought the same re-sults that the pro-lifers now bestow upon the country — contempt for law, hatred as a substitute for civil discourse, and ugliness, mean indelible ugliness. But thinking through the Foster case I

realized that like pro-life Americans there are acts and beliefs, however legal. that would make me oppose a nominee and fight his election or confirmation. ouster of Dr. Joycelyn Elders as surgeon course. Failing that — condoms.

general because I thought she was helping open the door to drug legalization.

The remarkable thing is not his own teaching oo abstinence but that he

To the pro-life movement the act of abortion itself, not just the Supreme Court's opinion, touches passions. Anti- general's uniform. abortionists are no more likely to change than I am to support a political actioo committee for Louis Farrakhan.

vertible pro-life movement but members of Congress who were pro-choice when they contemplated the women's vote at election time but now edge away from Dr. Foster because the anti-abortionists

are showing how hard they will fight. There is nervous hoo-ha among some pro-choice people about how many abortions Dr. Foster performed and whether he gave an accurate accounting in the beginning. The only worthwhile answer is that he performed as many as he thought he had to. But the goal of his professional life was getting young women to understand the theory, once grasped in Ameri-I would fight anybody with a fascist, ca, that for youngsters the way to avoid Stalinist or racist record. I suggested the pregnancies is not to have sexual interca, that for youngsters the way to avoid

got many young women to agree. He should get a medal for that silly surgeon

Dr. Foster denies that be said he performed only one abortion but that he Foster - more. remembers one most — for a woman

So the target of those who support Dr.

Foster — particularly in the White House — should be not just the unconwalked through a pediatrics ward in a New York hospital and saw two babies, brother and sister about a year apart. Both were dying of AIDS. I think still about the mother and wonder if hy now she had a third AIDS haby, as the ward pediatrician thought she would. So let the hearings decide whether he should be surgeon general or that an

abortion audit is more important than his life's work. Let's hope Dr. Foster has the courage to refuse any suggestions that may come from the administration or elsewhere that he should withdraw before or dur-

ing the hearings.
President Bill Clinton has promised to stick by him. Mr. Clinton has several times failed to stay the route on issues ranging from nominations to human rights. So he has to pay the reasonable price of skepnicism about his promises.

The hearings are as much about the constancy of pro-choice politicians, including the president of the United States, as they are about Dr. Henry

The New York Times.

Don't Let Them Drown Out the Message About Fighting Despair

WASHINGTON — Just a little over a week ago, few people outside Nashville knew anything about me. But after President Bill Clinton announced his intention to nominate Dr. Henry Foster for surgeon general, it seems everybody thinks they know ev-

erything about me. Two weeks ago, no one, not even my wife, St. Clair, my daughter, Myrna, and my son, Wendell - as devoted as they are — followed my every move and every word with rapt atten-tion. Now, when I wake up in the morning and look out my window, the press is out there waiting and watching. When I go to my office, they follow me into the elevator. And walking down the street, I have been punched in the face, inadvertently, I think, with one of those huge microphones you see on television. I have never seen anything like it.

I have even picked up a new

The writer is nominee for U.S. surgeon general.

naries in the rest of America. these words in medical school or the delivery room: Sound bites. Boom mikes. Stakeouts. Live shots. Talking heads. Onair analysis. All dissecting me over and over again. And all

fore the Senate. People who have never met me analyze my character and my life's work. They attack me personally before they give me a chance to introduce myself or tell my story. But those attacks do not define me. I know who I am and what I stand for. I also know that I am a symbol in a larger debate that has polarized the country for many years. But the attacks do hurt.

I cannot say that my work as a

Another Shot in the Foot by the Clinton Gang

There is no reason to question whether Dr. Henry Foster deserves the high esteem in which he is held. The problem is political: The last thing the Clinton administration needs as it tries to deal with a hostile Congress is a nomination fight keyed to an issue as volatile as

It is difficult to look around abortion. The president was right to say the abortions Dr. Foster America today and see so much performed were legal, But a bruising fight in Congress won't do needless suffering. Too many much for abortion rights. Again, nomination blunders have made the White House staff look like the gang who couldn't shoet straight. - The Baltimore Sun.

By Henry Foster

lexicon. Words that matter in doctor entirely prepared me for Washington are not in dictiohave learned a few things during They certainly never taught me my 38 years as a doctor, a teacher and a crusader against teen pregnancy that have prepared me to be a good surgeon general. I have been face to face with real life-and-death challenges.

When you see low birth-weight before I've uttered one word at babies born to mothers not yet my confirmation hearings be-old enough to drive a car, you have an appreciation of what trauma really means. When you visit the homes of families living in grinding poverty and feel the hopelessness in their lives, you begin to understand what it is to be up against the odds. Com-pared to that, shouted questions and overheated rhetorie may be uncivil, but I can handle them. When people ask me why I want to be surgeon general, I know the answer.

> When you have had the good fortune to participate in the miracle of birth as many times as I have, it is difficult to stand on the sidelines and watch so

parents have not been taught the value of prevention. Too many

people do not have access to high-quality health care. Too many people have turned away from the basic American values that can prevent violence or shuse from taking root.

But all is not lost. America is moving forward to confront both the health care crisis and the crisis of values that has led to far too much irresponsible behavior. As surgeon general, I believe I can turn the small ripples of success that we have produced into great waves of progress. I believe that I can draw attention and help develop lasting solutions to the tragie public health problems confronting the country - from the epidemie of violence to the spread of AIDS to the terrible problem of substance abuse. But I will be giving my greatest attention to what the president has called "our most serious social problem," the epidemie of teen pregnancy in the country.

It is ironie that my work fighting teen pregnancy has been overshadowed by my oppo-nents' talk about abortion. I do believe in the right of a woman to choose. I also support the president's belief that abortions should be safe, legal and rare. icated to making sure that young people do not have to face the choice of having abortions.

I have some ideas about how

young people can avoid that difficult choice. We are reducing teen pregnancy in the Nashville bousing projects through
"I Have a Future" —a program
we started at Meharry Medical
College back in 1987. Our approach is to expand adolescent

health care programs beyond the schools and hring them to the community, where they can become a part of the fabrie of everyday life. Encouraging abstinence and involving the entire community, we have begun to replace a culture of hopelessness with one that gives young people elear pathways to healthy futures. in my work with young peo-

ple in Nashville, there is one lesson I stress above all others. To break the cycle of despair, you must learn that there is a reward for sacrifice. And earning that reward has a fringe benefit. It allows you to give something back. That is a hard lesson to learn, but it is one that has kept me going through these difficult weeks. Having President Clinton place his faith in me is something I could never have imagined as a young boy growing up in the segregat-ed South. Now, I want to give But my life's work has been ded- something back to a country that has rewarded my work and sacrifice, and God willing, I'll

have that opportunity. The Washington Post,

Actors Deserve More Respect

MAMBRIDGE. Massachusetts — The persistent drumbear of cynicism oo the talk shows and in the new Congress reeks of disrespect for the arts and artists. But what else is new? Even Plato said that artists were nothing but troublemakers and be wanted to ban poets from his ideal Republic. Artists who speak out politically are rou-unely derided as bubbleheads

and nitwits. And this is not just by someone like the talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, who has called leaders in my industry the "spaced-out Holly-wood left." A New Republic editor wrote of actors: "In general, they are an excruciating bunch of egomaniacs . . . and their politics are uni-formly idiotic." Paul Newman, Whoopi Goldberg and

Tom Hanks were singled out as the subjects of his wrath. Imagine talking about the leaders of any other group in our society this way — say, leaders of the steelworkers union, agrihusiness or the auto industry. Imagine having this kind of contempt for an industry that is second only to aerospace in export

earnings ahroad. The presumption is that people in my profession are too insulated, too free-thinking, too subversive. Never mind that a former president of our guild became president of the United States. The Hollywood smear only seems to apply to liberals. And let me say I'm proud to be one. Why is that so terrible these days? The liberals were liberators - they fought slavery, fought for women to have the vote, fought against Hitler,

fought to end segregation.
With no special interest and serving no personal or fmancial agenda, artists make moral commitments to many issues that plague our society. Indeed, this participation often makes artists vulnerable professionally. They risk offending part of their audience -or their government. As the history of the Hollywood hlacklist demonstrates, they can pay the price of serving time in jail, having their works banned or being prevented from practicing their craft. Our participation in politics

is a natural outgrowth of what sor the first major fund-raiser nedy School of Government.

By Barbra Streisand

we do, and it can and should be a responsible usc of celebrity. Because we have the ability to raise issues, reach people and influence opinion we have greater responsibility to be informed

Art is the signature of a generatioo; artists have a way of defining the times. Marion Anderson, singing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial because she was forbidden to siog at Constitution Hall.

MEANWHILE

forced Americans to confront the outrageousness of segrega-tion. Art can illuminate, enlighten, inspire. It becomes heat in cold places; it becomes light in dark places.

The movie version of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" hrought the reality of the Depression home to those who wanted to ignore it. "Gentleman's Agreement"

raised the issue of anti-Semitism in America. "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" focused on buying votes. "Inherit the Wind" took on the Scopes trial and the subordination of science to one narrow religious view; the movie is powerfully relevant today in light of the Christian Coalition's efforts to reintroduce creationism into the public school curriculum. "In the Heat of the Night" is remembered for its unsparing

look at the issue of race. Just last year, "Schindler's List" brought the subject of the Holocaust to millions of people around the world.

Moviemakers can be late to a subject; or afraid, but often they are hrave and ahead of their time. Artists were criticized for their involvement in the civil rights struggle and Vietnam War, In those cases at least, I would suggest that the painters and performers were wiser than most pundits and politicians.

I am not suggesting that actors run the country; we have already tried that. But I am suggesting, for example, that on the issues of AIDS, I against this dreaded disease, than to Seoator Jesse Helms, legislatioo that would fund

AIDS research. It is interesting that Americans applaud artists in other parts of the world for speak-ing out — in China for example. It is often the artist who gives a voice to the voiceless by speaking up when no one else will. The playwright Va-elav Havel went to jail because of that. Now he's the president of his country. At home, though, I'm worried about the name-calling, the

stereotypical labeling.
Recently, Newt Gingrieh,
the speaker of the House,
said, "I fully expect Hollywood to have almost no concept of either oormal American behavior, in terms of bealthy families, healthy structures, religious institunons, conservative politics, the free enterprise system."

I resent the notion that one politician or political party owns the franchise on family values, personal responsibility and religion.

People in my community are normal Americans, too. We were out born in movie studios; we come from every part of the country and most of us are self-made. We don't forget where we came from, whether it's lowa. Cincinnati or Brooklyn. This notion of "normal Americans" has a horrible historical echo. It presupposes that there are "abnormal" Americans who are responsible for all that is

wrong with our country. What can I say? I have opinions. No one has to agree. I just like being involved. After many years of self-scrutiny, I have realized that the most satisfying feelings come from things outside myself. And I believe that their early opposition to the people from any walk of life, artists included, when they stand up for their convictions, can do almost anything: stop wars, end injustices - and even defeat entrenched powers.

by The Washington Post from a speech that Ms. Streisand. would rather have America the director, producer and aclisten to Elizabeth Taylor, who had the courage to spon-ward University's John F. Ken-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding the recent articles and com-ments on the 50th commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz:

Hitler and his lieutenants were clever enough to dispatch Europe's Jews mostly to camps and gas chambers located in Poland to achieve their purpose of keeping Germany "cleansed" of Jews.

Perhaps unwittingly, this has allowed Germany to emerge relatively unsoiled by the monstrous affair. The articles written about the 50th anniversary of the Auschwitz liberation focus on differences and animosities between Poles and Jews only. References to the camps, their guards and authorities are mostly to "Nazis," not to Germans or the German nation.

It is my belief that Germany is getting off too easy. I am concerned that years from now, other generations will only learn and remember that Jews were exterminated in Poland by the "Nazis." The Nazis having disappeared, it will be assumed that they were extraterrestrial creatures who appeared from nowhere and disappeared after 1945.

As a Jew born in Belgium, I spent nearly five years under German occupation and 27 months hiding from the Germans in a Brussels basement. It was the German army that invaded Belgium. It was the Germans who occupied Belgium. It was the German troops who terrorized the population. I was hiding from the Germans. When the Germans were defeated and driven out of Belgium by the Allies, we were liberated from the German occupa tion. We never referred to the "Nazis" I never saw one. The people who occupied Belgium wore German uniforms of various colors — blue, green, navy, brown and hlack — we feared them all.

It was only upon arriving in the United States in 1949 that I began to hear the word "Nazi" used continuously and exclusively with reference to the Holocaust. Germany was somehow exonerated; the

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THE WIND

It Was the Germans Who Did It "Nazis" took the blame. It is time to put a would feel worse if my husband, son, facaust. To focus the Holocaust on Poland and the "Nazis" is a perversion of history that should be corrected.

RUDY ROSENBERG. Williston Park, New York.

Most Vulnerable in the Camps

While a number of articles in your newspaper have dealt with estimates of likely U.S. and Allied losses had Japan been invaded in 1945, there has been little attention to the loss of fives of civilian internees, forced laborers and prisoners of war. Here follow some relevant statistics:

• From 1936 to 1945, some 900,000 Asian forced laborers died, including 300,000 Indonesians.

 About 122,000 Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees had died. Roughly one in four Dutchmen living in Indonesia had died.

internees were dying was going up fast in mid-1945. I myself witnessed the concentration camps in Java. Given this record, hundreds of thousands surely would have died if the war had con-tinued for only a few months. Instead, sav-

The rate at which forced laborers and

the atomic bombs saved my life. J. C. RAMAER, Hocilaart, Netherlands.

Not the Same War?

HOLTO TO FAX SAY SAY

After reading all the history (real and rewritten) of World War II, I am beginning to wonder whether Alexander, Caesar or even the Roman Empire ever existed. I am 60 and am amazed at how the events I lived through in my own life have been changed. I also wonder why we are so upset at the thought of civilians being killed in a war. I

proper perspective on the Holocaust and ther, brother or sister were killed while to remember that without Germany, there would have been no Nazis and no Holosome unknown civilian to die. Who said war was nice to anyone?

J. J. CARPENTER.

Corsier, France. **Britain's No-Win Situation**

Regarding "Britain's Complacent Isola-tion Could Be Ending Soon" (Opinion, Jan. 20) by Roy Denman:

Our parliamentary democracy has been evolving since 1215. To dismiss Britain as complacent and isolationist is so sbortsighted as to be laughable if it were not such a calumny on a country that has given so much to the world. Who stood alone against Adolf Hitler and the Nazis in 1940? Not America, not Russia, not France - the British and the Commonwealth countries did. Were it not for that

fact there would be no Europe today. We are part of Europe; we can benefit each other, not by heading down the road to federalism and a giant superpower but by keeping alive the rights of the people to decide for themselves, and heading off attempts to erode the rights of our Parliament. Brussels bureaucrats should be advisers, not originators of policy.

Mr. Denman cannot seriously believe age killings of civilians were stopped by a savage weapon. I do not feel ashamed that that the attitude of the British to European federalism would change if a Labor government were in power. The Labor Party is no more willing to surrender decisions on fiscal matters to a bunch of faceless bankers and experimenting economists than is

the Conservative Party.

Of course things could be better, and being part of the European Union is important - but not at the expense of a much higher cost of living and support for a hureaucracy that has done nothing to curb excesses of fraud and waste. Britain has tried to correct some of these excesses but for our efforts we are branded as "bad Europeans." The French agree to anything, then go on their own sweet way and do what they want. They are then praised for doing what is right for France. This is a no-win situation for the British.

> J. B.S. MONTGOMERIE. Helensburgh, Scotland.

Living on German Time

Regarding "A Longer Workweek? Ger-mans Mark Time" (Jan. 17):

As an American living in Germany, I want to say that there is an upside to limited shopping hours: When everyone has the same nonworking hours, broader choices of activities are available. Families of all economie stripes can be at home for evening meals together, or have time on Saturdays to talk.

Extending shopping hours may mean the demise of the small-town atmosphere in many parts of Germany. The short walk to the (often family-owned) store, and the neighborly contacts along the way, would be replaced by a quick drive to the mall. Granted limited shopping hours force one to plan ahead; but is not foresight a vital measure of a developed civilization?

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By Douglas Sutton

AMBURG - On a recent windy winter evening the well-dressed guests buddled together for a sbaky ride across the choppy black waters of the River Elbe in a low-slung boat. Their destina-tion: a large tent-like structure rising from deserted docks south of the river, glowing in the dark like a luminescent caterpillar.

The tent, the multimillioo-dollar Neue Metropol Theater, is where patrons are treated in a musical of late-50s songs and petticoated dancers telling the story of the late Buddy Holly in "Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story."

So it's "dock around the clock" time in Ham-

burg - oow being duhbed hy the media as Germany's Broadway on the Elbe - and oace again proving the oorthern German port city to be fertile terrain for big-mooey permanent musi-cal productions. "Buddy," which opened in De-cember, joins the Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals "Cats," which has been running since 1986, and "Phantom of the Opera" (since 1990) as permanent fixtures oo the Hamburg scene.

Part of the ticket price ranging up to 170 Deutsche marks (about \$110) for "Buddy" is the round-trip ride on the boat, dubbed the Buddy Shuttle, and some of the early reviews, less than exuberant, suggest that the boat trip is the best part of the evening.
But no matter. In Hamburg, there's something

for everyone when it comes to tastes in musicals. Besides the three megaproductions, oo any given night in the city there are at least a half dozen other musicals, mostly imported produc-tions but some locally created, being performed. As a sampler of the musical fare this winter and

spring:
"La Cage aux Folles" (Delphi Theater), "The
Boyfriend" (Musical Theater Reeperhahn). "Himmel auf Erden" (Neue Theater), "Grease" (Imperial Theater), "Chicago," "Henry VIII" and "Little Shop of Horrors" (St. Pauli Theater), "Fifty-Fifty" and "Finra — The Red Menace" (Schmidt's Tivoli), "Dreigroschenoper," "Black Rider" and "Alice" (Thaha Theater).

Even the venerable state opera house, the Staatsoper, feeling the financial pinch as public subsidies are cut, is into the musical act, with the hallet director John Neumeier's rollicking rendi-tion of Leonard Bernstein's "Oo the Town" being put back into this year's program.

Musicals bave become a fair-sized husiness in the city. In 1994, an average of 6,000 people attended musicals in Hamburg each night, or about 2 million altogether. With ticket prices averaging \$65, the musical revenues added up to

Why Hamhurg?

Wolfgang Wiens, chief dramatic director at the Thalia Theater, says that part of the answer is that "Hamburg has a certain affinity with London. So it became a matter of time that the musical wave there washed over onto these shores. Also, there's oo denying that the Hamburg public likes a night ont for entertainment."

Part of the entertainment is venue. Coincidence or oot, many of Hamburg's musical theaters are located oo or near the red-light Reeperbahn aveoue — Operettenhaus, Imperial Theater, Musiktheater Reeperbahn, Schmidt's Tivoli, St. Pauli Theater — so theater-goers can also do a bit of slumming, if the mood strikes.

At the small 595-seat St. Pauli Theater, which after the current run of "Chicago" will be putting on the musical "Henry VIII" performed by the National Theatre Company of Bath in the spring, to be followed by "Little Shop of Horrors" over the summer, a spokesman, Michael Collien, speaks about the "E" and "U" dehate.

"In Germany, the 'E' stands for ernst as m 'carnest,' while 'U' is for Unterhaltung or 'entertainment," he said. "Our theater caters to the audience that wants entertainment."

OR the moment, those interested in seeing avant-garde musical productions will have to wait to see what Thalia Theater does. After its acclaimed "Black Rider" — combining the efforts of Robert Wilson, Tom Waits and John Borroughs — and then "Alice" (Wilson and Waits) — Thalia is planning a third Wilson musical, "Time Rocker," the book hy writer Darryl Pinckney and music by ex-Velvet Undergrounder Lou Reed.

That is scheduled for the spring of 1996. Next autumn, in a co-production, Thalia Theater will be the venue for the Peter Sellars/John Adams musical "I Looked Up at the Ceiling and Saw the Sky," about the Los Angeles earthquake.

Douglas Sutton is an American journalist living



From left. Romeo (DouDou) Tovoarimino, Justin (Voli) Rakotondrasoa and Clement (Clemrass) Randrianantoandro.

The Best for Last? Music of Madagascar

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

ARIS — Justin (Vali) Rakoton-drasos, Romeo (DouDou) To-voarimino and Clement (Clemrass) Randrianantoaodro arrived for an interview. Their manager, producer and general good-deed doer, Sir Ali, took 10 minutes spelling their

The musicians from the island of Madagascar were toting instrument cases. DouDou unpacked a small Madagascan guitar, Clemrass warmed up his kabossy. Vali, whose professional name is taken from it, fingered his valiha. After tuning up, they began to jam. They were in a world of their own. The purpose of the gathering, "public relations," was temporarily ignored. It was like they were saying, we really can't explain our music with a spiel.

Loath to censure such spootaneous tunesmithing, the interviewer held the microphone close to Sir Ali's lips and boped for the best. An Iranian-American mover and shaker in Paris, Sir Ali is lucid talking about what he knows and he knows a lot. But he instinctively lowered his voice not to disturb music he loves and his words ended up down tached to gourds at either end. On the

Madagascar's music has only just crossed to the mainland of Africa and is now on its way to the world. It is being said that Africa has saved the best of its music for last. Past success of black African music in the Northern Hemisphere has been based oo inventing a hybrid by mixing centuries-old traditions with new technology. Madagas-car's music was already hybrid on the island. The first settlers came 2,000 years ago from Indonesia and Southern India. Others arrived from the Gulf,

Africa, Portugal, England and France. DouDou and Clemrass are from the coast, they look African. Vali, who has Asian features, moved to Paris from the central plains in 1982 at the age of 18. (They all speak French.) Fierenana ("up there where all is peaceful"), Vali's home, is known as a musical village. His extended family manufactures and plays valihas and sells them 70 kilometers away in the marché in Antananarivo. the capital of Madagascar.

Strings made of recuperated bicyclebrake wire are stretched over the length of the valiha's cylindrical body and atusical instrument."

When be first arrived in Paris, Vali translated his country's music into a fortissimo fusion using synthesizers, trap drums and electric gnitars. This approach had already been proven successful by musicians from other African nations, but it had become a cliche and Sir Ali told Vali: "Man, I can't buy this electronie junk."

ALI was the first player to pluck the valiha's strings with his fingernails rather than strum with fingertips. He is an innovator, a master, a communicator. He took Sir Ali's advice. He has combined the sound of oostalgia for home with the megalopolitan experience without using one ampere. The trio mixes rhythms, time signatures, moods and textures; it can resemble 18th-century chamber music, Indian ragas or modal azz. In the scheme of things, they can be compared to the Dirty Dozen Brass Band's take on New Orleans jazz.

During the past two years, Vali has

behind in the mix. Imagine the following information transmitted in counterpoint with educated island music.

central plain, valihas are carved from bamboo bamboo, hat there is not much bamboo with Kate Bush and played a festival in the north and south and so other Estonia and at Woodstock '94, and his woods or metals are used. Valiha means latest CD ("The. Truth, Ny Marina") was recently recorded for and distributed by Peter Gabriel's Womad productions. Vali performed for Nelsoo Mandela in the French Embassy in South Africa. The trio is now on a three-week tour of Australia.

> Sir Ali gently nagged Vali to please stop playing his music and start talking about it. Vali put down his valiha for the first time since walking through the door and picked up the micropbone. He spoke like a sprung spring, like a well-rehearsed lecturer in a trance: "To begin with, like our people, our music is a very special mixture of Oriental and Occidental influences. It is based on several religions -Buddhist, Christian and animal worship. We are sure that traditional Malagasy music is pertinent everywhere. We want the world to know it. The valiha is an instrument on a par with the kora, the guitar or the piano. Our role is to continne the traditional path. We present original music that comes out of the past but also speaks to the present and the future. Our role is to introduce our identity to the developed world. That is our duty. It is

LONDON THEATER

A Winner, Hands Down

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON — Patrick Marber's "Dealer's Choice" is the best first play I can ever recall the National Theatre staging, though there bave oot been too many. But this ooe is an outright winner for Marber as author and director, and if we get a better new play from aoywhere io the oext 11 months we'll have had a vin-

Like David Mamet, to whom er hands is the key to the players' lives, their careers, their

and, ultimately, almost tragic account of what it means to owner of a Loodon restaurant entirely in a bed; whether it

(Nicholas Day) and the staff with whom he has a regular Sunday night sessioo. Amoog them is Mugsy, a waiter with a dream of setting up his own restaurant in a disused toilet down the Mile End Road, and a quartet of others whose motives though less immediately giggly are often oo less strange or compelling to their dreamers.

"Has there been much death in his family?" they ask solicitously of a departed colleague, hut in truth the outside world holds oo reality. It all has to happen around the table, even he owes a certain debt. Marber has realized that it's all in the cards. Somewhere in those pok-The energy of Marber's pr tion, set on a slow revolve so sexuality, their bopes, their that we get to see what each of marriages and maybe even their the players is holding in the game of their lives, and the This is a gripping, hilarious speed and brilliance of the playing make the rules of the game irrelevant.

play poker as a way of life. The Live Bed Show (Gar-Marber's players are the posh rick) is certainly live, and set

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qualifies as a show depends on your eagerness to watch a couple of television stars telling, across 90 minutes, the story of their meeting and subsequent marriage in a series of comic monologues that could be defined as stand-up were they not delivered from the aforementioned bed. The play, though it's oot real-that either, is one more indi-

cation of how the fringe is now invading the center. This one started on the outskirts of an Edinburgh Festival some six years ago, and is now being played by a real-life married couple of alternative comics, Paul Merton and Caroline Quentin, who also turned up in the TV version of another Arthur Smith script, the unfatho-mably long-running "An Evening with Gary Lineker." The truth is, I think, that Smith writes plays for people

who don't really like plays; he therefore doesn't trouble them with much plot or character de- ing that they've heard the vox velopment, settling instead for a populi, they may want to dousingle static situation in which ble-check the pulse of the coun-EUROPEAN PUB-CRAWL DURLIN IN FINE IRISH COMPANY 23-25 Upper Grand Canal Street - Tel. 660.80.50 - Fax 668.39.79. BARCELONA Correr Nau Sauta Maria 5-7 - Tel. 2903675 - Faz 2803040 (mictro Maria Cristina). BRUXELLES Do! I Do!" on these lines. But the villains of choice. Merton has a weary, endearing. More and more Americans throwaway charm, while his seem to share the sentiment of 10, roe des Capacines (métro Opéra) - Tel. 40.15.00.30 - Fax 42.56.49.54.

> shreds of a storyline. "Full Moon," a hauntiogly strange tale of life in a local al oarrator-as-child and narra

By Maria Laurino New York Times Service EW YORK -As an army of oewly elected Republicans settle into Congress declar-

gags can be delivered more or try by watching a few movies. less at random. The idea of an The anger against govern-entire marriage told oo a mat-ment that exploded in Novemtress is of course an ancient one. ber only confirmed what film A 45-year-old play called "The audiences have known: Politi-Fourposter" became a 30-year- cians and bureaucrats are in big old Broadway musical called "I trouble, surpassing gangsters as

wife does her best to convey that Colonel William Ludlow in the somewhere in here might be the current hit "Legends of the Fall." Silenced by a stroke, Ioto the Young Vic from Ludlow (played by Anthooy Theatr Clywd in Wales comes Hopkins) manages to dredge Hopkins) manages to dredge from the depths of his soul the energy to yell one vulgar phrase slate-miolog village during that expresses his irrepressible World War I. We have the usu- contempt for his government.

Years before Republicans tor-as-old-man, and moments drew up their Contract With of bleak poetry; but the story is America, Hollywood scripted oot always easy to grasp, and its own cootract, which took Helena Kaut-Howson's gritty weak and corrupt government cast has yet to achieve the as its target. From the compro-ability to fold the audience mises politicians inevitably into the arms of their tale. made in their pursuit of power You'd be wise to read Caradog in "The Candidate" (1972) and Prichard's covel before setting the cynical view of politics in out to The Cut. "Nashville" (1975) to Holly-



Government as villain: Al Pacino plays moyor of New York in "City Hall."

shifting mood of a country increasingly disillusioned by the earlier era to accusations of Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal.

The government once capable of winning World War II and ending the Great Depreshis job skills as "blackmail, sion seemed cruelly replaced by feckless leaders who routinely lied to the people.

politicians — as well as some and U.S. intelligence agents. institutions — planamets, the seed of anti-government fervor in the past few decades, of reflected in the films of the 70s course, has provided reams of

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(1976), film has reflected the government films go well beyond the implications of the and even murder. Most recently, io "Bad Com-

bribery, subversing and the odd kidnapping," reinforcing the movie's theme that there's little Today, as people's faith in distinction between criminals

wood's tale about Watergate in has grown to an unremitting script material. The oational se-"All the Presideot's Men" attack in the '90s. Now anticurity adviser who authorized a secret war against Colombian ward for those who do favors drug lords in last year's "Clear for corrupt officials. The film and Present Danger" may have taken a cue from his real-life counterpart, Admiral John M. Poindexter, who authorized using the proceeds from Iran arms sales to finance the Nicaraguan contras.

> The weak and philandering president in the 1993 film "Dave" falls ioto a coma after making love to his secretary, hringing to mind gossip about the dalliances of real-life politicians. Io "No Way Out" (1987). the wily counsel to the secretary of defense, who explains, "You have oo idea what men of pow-er can do," conjures up visinns of H. R. Haldeman trying to justify Watergate.

In each of these movies. there's oo check no the balance of evil. In "Clear and Present Danger" the national security adviser orders the death of Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford), the dep-uty director of the CIA, because

president (Kevin Kline) and finds a look-alike (Kline) to as the ability to shoot staff members in cold blood.

Fred Thompson, who played the head of the CIA in "No Way Out," said he now bas second thoughts about Hollywood's portrayal of government. Thompson, a former minority counsel during the Watergate hearings and a Tennessee Republican who handed in his movie scripts to run for political office, was elected to the Scnate in November.

There have been so many movies with such a consistent theme that I'm afraid they're also shaping the views of society," Thompson said. "That's not to say that government shouldn't be fair game along with everything else. But can you think of a movie in the last 10 years that has shown the CIA and the FBI in a positive

NLY occasionally does a movie offer a ray of bope for the positive power of government. "City of Hope" (1991), written and directed by John Sayles, takes place io a poor New Jersey city where prime real estate is a represents oo clear-cut solutions, but a city councilman who believes that government can help people works within an imperfect system to try to get good housing and schools for his

community.

"City Hall," a thriller starring Al Pacino that is being
filmed io New York, may also offer a somewhat positive message. The screenplay, written by Bo Goldman, was adapted from a story by Kenneth Lipper, a former deputy mayor during the Koch administration who also was a producer of the film. The plot involves a shoot-out

in Brooklyn and the subsequent death of a police officer, a drug dealer and a black child. An idealistic mayor (John Cusack) investigates the incident and begins to understand the compromises government officials make each day.

Goldman said the movie sug-

Ryan gets in his way.

In "Dave" the White House chief of staff hides the comatose and even the most dedicated the control of people can go wrong finding their way," he said. "The only serve as the puppet head of his government. The counsel in "No Way Out" defines power take part."

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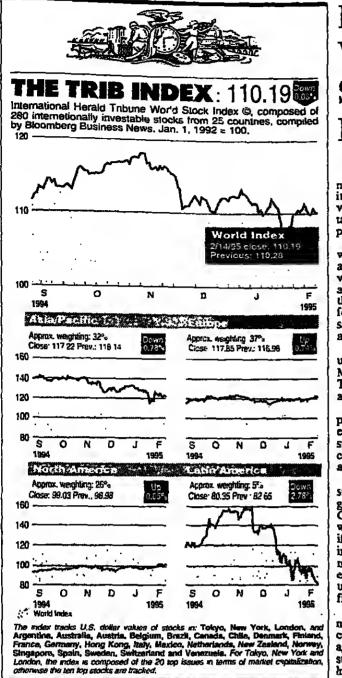
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IG Metall Warning: Strike Vote **Next Week**

Compiled by Our Staff From Depatches
FRANKFURT — Germany's largest union said Tuesday
it expected to have its members vote next week on whether to take strike action to compel em-

ployers to raise pay by 6 percent. A spokesman for IG Metall. which represents 3 million met-al workers, said he expected voting to start Mooday and said a strike could begin shartly thereafter. "Our membership is forcing us toward a strike," he said. "They are bored by seeing all these fruitless negntiations."

Regional talks between the union and employers concluded Monday without agreement. The two sides have been negotiating for nine weeks.

Hans-Joachim Gottschol, president of Gesamtmetall, the employers' association, said a strike would be "the lesser evil," compared with a bad wage

"Employers don't want a strike," he said. "It would cause great harm to companies and to Germany." But social harmony would be too expensive, he said, if it came at the price of wage increases that could put compa-nies' existence at risk, stifle the economic upturn and deny the unemployed the opportunity to find a job.

The employers association maintains that it will not discuss pay raises until the uning agrees to cost-cutting measures such as flexible work times and hwer starting pay for the longterm unemployed.

The union spokesman said the 6 percent wage raise sought by IG Metall was "the only demand" that could be negotiated. The 35-bour week scheduled to come into effect Oct. 1, be said, "is not negntiable."

He added that the union had ample cash reserves. "We can finance this strike and then the next one," be said.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

Sour on French Sell-Offs Candidate Jospin Attacks Privatizations

By Barry James

PARIS - Lincel Jospin, the Socialist candidate for the French presideocy, vowed Tuesday to halt the sale of state-nwned industries immediately if he was elected but said he had oo immediate plan to renationalize com-panies that had been sold off.

He said in a radin interview that he found it "scandalous" that the government beaded by Prime Minister Edouard Balladur was con-

tinuing the privatization program during the election campaign.

The government, which has sold nff portions of banks, insurance companies and industrial groups since coming to power in 1993, currently is offering shares in the state tobacco monnpoly, SEITA, one of 21 companies it has earmarked for sale

Mr. Jospin's remarks raised the possibility

of a political crisis if he does succeed in defeating Mr. Balladur, as he would inherit the current center-right government. In France, the government is generally responsible for economic policy while the president deals primarily with major constitutional and foreign policy issues.

Political analysts, however, give Mr. Jo-

spin, 57, little chance of defeating Mr. Balla-dur in the election — which will take place on April 23, with a runnff nn May 7 if no candidate gains a majority of the votes in the first round.

Mr. Jospin, bowever, has come from virtually nowhere in the npinion polls to rival Mr. Balladur's main competitor on the center-

right, the mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, 62. Three opinion polls showed Tuesday that Mr. Balladur had loss significant ground in the race and that Mr. Jospin had gained surprisingly even though all three showed Mr. Balladur still winning the election.

Although he said in a televised oews coo-ference Mooday that the era of division be-tween right and left was over, aides said Mr. Balladur welcomed the opportunity in debate issues with Mr. Jospin rather than with his fellow Gaullist and former mentor. Mr. Chirac, who was scheduled to unveil his electioo manifesta this week.

Mr. Balladur's spokesman, Nicolas Sar-kozy, accused Mr. Chirac of "fighting the wrong adversary and the wrong battle" by concentrating his attacks on the prime minister rather than on Mr. Jospin.

The electoral debate so far has centered on the economy and especially on ways of reducing France's 12.6 percent unemployment rate. lo an electino platform widely assailed as unadventurous, Mr. Balladur, 65, has proposed limiting wage and welfare costs in favor of creating jobs, including part-time posts.

At the same time, he primised that while he would seek to abolish employers' health insurance contributions for low-paid workers. Last year, according to a new report by the state statistical service INSEE, salaried work-ers saw virtually no improvement in their

position despite an upturn in the economy. Mr. Jospin's economie proposals are still being refined, but be favors giving salaried workers a greater stake in the recovery See JOSPIN, Page 19

Airline Traffic Rose in 1994

creased 8 percent in 1994, giving investors reason to bope that airlines were profitable for the first time since 1989, a trade association enokesman said Tuesday.

LATA released figures snow-ing that freight and passenger traffic together had grown 10 percent in 1994, compared with a species in capacity.

lines made a net profit of \$1 billion," said Tim Goodyear of the International Air Transport Association. "We will know better in April."

racked up over the previous when the airlines reported prof-

The Associated Press

finur years of recession and deep

GENEVA — Passenger trafreductions in air travel caused
fie on international airlines inby the Gulf War, Mr. Goodyear

continuing a trend that began in

Mr. Goodyear said the predicted profit would be less than I percent of total airline reve-The airlines still need to nues of \$107 billioo. It would be make up losses of \$15.6 billion the first net profit since 1989,

it of \$300 million, "which is negligible," he said.

"Unless the airlines can consistently carn net profits of about 5 percent or 6 percent of revenue year after year, they won't have a chance of financing the new aircraft that they need in the next 15 or 20 years." Mr. Goodyear said.

Industry analysts say that older, noisier jetliners will bave to be retired by the end of the century in the United States and by 2005 in most of the rest

Buffett Quietly Amasses 10% Stake in Amex

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - American Express Co. disclosed Tuesday that Warren E. Buffett had tripled his investment in the company in the past six months, inadvertently illustrating one of the ways that America's wealthiest investor makes his mooey.

Uoder government regula-nors, Mr. Buffett had to inform the Securities and Exchange Commission by Monday that his company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc., controlled 48.5 million, nr 9.8 percent, of the outstanding shares of American Express.

On Tuesday, American Express, which has returned to profit as a travel, banking and credit-card company after its illadvised attempt to convert itself into a full-service financial con-glumerate during the 1980s, trumpeted "the vote of confi-dence" by Mr. Buffett, correctly describing him as "one of the market's most respected and

long-term investors. The company added that he planned to seek clearance to increase his stake to more than 10 percent, and therein lies a tale of an investment that began in 1991 with a value of \$300 million and, with additional money and minimal risk, was valued by the stock market Tnesday at

about \$1.6 billion. Berkshire Hathaway's initial investment of \$300 million was made in August 1991 when American Express was floundering under its empire-build-ing chairman, James D. Robinsnn 3d, and badly needed capital Mr. Buffett's company supplied it in exchange for pre-ferred stock, the dividends on which yielded 8.5 percent and the right to convert to common at \$33 to \$37 a share.

range by August 1994, when the

ITT to Sell **Businesses** To GECC

NEW YORK - ITT Corp. said Tuesday it had reached a tentative agreement to sell three of its financial businesses to General Electric Capital Corp.

for \$1.8 hillion. ITT, whose businesses in-clude Sheraton hotels, insurance and manufacturing, has been moving out of finance and increasing its en-tertainment holdings.

In September, ITT

joined up with Cablevision Systems Cnrp. to pay \$1.1 hillioo for New York's Madison Square Garden and its sports teams.

lo December, shortly after agreeing to huy the Cae-sars World hntel and casino business for \$1.7 billion, ITT sold finance units tn Deutsche Bank AG and Norwest Corp. in deals to-taling almost \$4 billioo. ITT said the sale would

include its equipment-finance, small business fioance and commercial realestate services. ITT stock closed \$1.50 higher at

changed for 14 million common shares. With a market price of about \$27.50 for American Express common share, the initial investment had grown to \$385 million in three years, plus three t \$33 to \$37 a share.

The stock did not reach that

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Ad-Firm Feud Is Heating Up

By Stuart Elliott

EW YORK -A disagreement between two international advertising giants over a jointly owned European venture has escalated into a bitter dispute, as one seeks control of the alliance and the other seeks to dissolve it. The spat raises the specter of the two companies competing for clients and accounts.

rather than cooperating. The quarrel has erupted between Chicagobased True North Communications, formerly Foote. Cone & Belding Communications, and Publicis SA of Paris. The companies have been partners since 1988 in Publicis FCB Europe, an agency network in 17 countries including Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands with estimated billings of \$1.9 billing from clients that include Colgate-Palmolive Co., Nestle SA and Renault.

True North owns 49 percent of Publicis FCB Europe, and Publicis owns 51 percent through a company called Publicis Communicatin. The two agreed in September to arbitration of the issues that divided them, including differences over the Publicis acquisition in 1993 of Bloom FCA, a French agency company that had holdings in the United States.

In a filing Monday with the U.S. Securities

and Exchange Commission, True North said it would intensify efforts to take control of the joint venture after making unsuccessful efforts "to come to amicable terms with Publicis on a series of alleged breaches" of their

ance agreement" without waiting for a decision from the arbitration proceeding. Publicis cited disagreements over True North's "strategic development" that happened "with neither con-sultation nor approval by Publicis" but said it was willing to renegotiate the agreement.

Bruce Mason, chairman and chief executive of True North, said: "They can't terminate the agreement; it's illegal. The termination has to be mutual. We're confident we have a strong case that they breached" the deal.

But Seth Goldschlager, a spokesman for Publicis in Paris, disagreed. "Everything that Publicis has done in terms of rescinding the international development alliance has been perfectly legal and within our rights," he said, adding that Publicis had had to rescind the agreement because of organizational changes made in December when Foote Cone became

Mr. Mason said the change was "absolutely no reason" for the alliance to be dissolved because it primarily involved just a renaming.

The possibility that the alliance might col-lapse led some financial analysts to reduce stock ratings. Merrill Lynch & Co. downgraded True North to neutral from above average, and Hoare Govett in London downgraded Publicis to sell from buy,

True North shares were quoted at \$38.625, down 62.5 cents, in late trading Tuesday in New York. In Paris, Publicis shares closed at 384 French francs (\$73), down 14. Publicis owns 20.3 percent of True North's

shares, making it the largest single sharehold-er. True North owns about 20.8 percent of Publicis Communication, a 79.2 percent-owned subsidiary of Publicis. alliance agreement.

True North's filing came three days after
Publicis announced it would "rescind the alli-

Warburg Expected to Draw Bids

Asence France-Press LONDON — S.G. Warburg Group PLC, the British financial concern that has suffered buge losses, an exodus of senior staff and, on Sunday, the departure of its chief executive, is unlikely to survive as an independent entity, analysts said Tuesday.

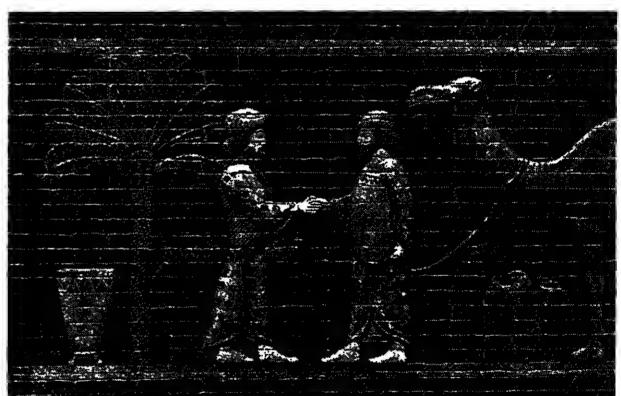
Rumors about who might bid for the company — the day af-ter it announced the resignation nf Simon Cairns, whose duties will be taken on by the group's chairman, Sir David Scholey --abounded in the London financial district where Warhurg has been a landmark institution for generations.

Sir David has said he is not involved in talks with any bidder, but analysts said Warburg would have to link up with a powerful partner eventually.

A planned merger with Mor-gan Stanley & Co., an American powerhouse in its field, col-lapsed in December.

Banks regarded as prime con-tenders to win Warburg are J. P. Morgan & Co., Merrill Lynch & Co. and Lehman Brothers of the United States, Dresdner Bank AG and Deutsche Bank AG of Germany, and HSBC Holdings PLC of Britain.

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t was the ancient traders who first established many of today's banking practices. They accepted funds for safekeeping. Bartered goods for services. And extended credit. It was a business based on trust, and a handshake contract was binding.

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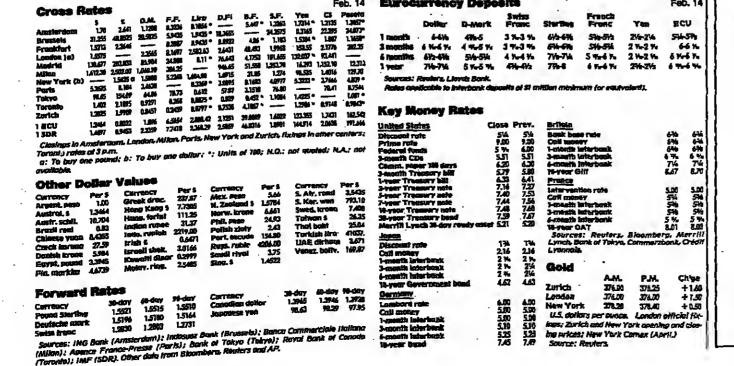
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CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Stocks Are Mixed, Though Bonds Rise

NEW YORK - Stocks closed mixed Tuesday, but the bond market rose sharply amid speculation that a modest gain in January retail sales meant rising interest rates had slowed the economy and subdued in-

The January sales report helped convince some investors

U.S. Stocks

that the Federal Reserve Board would not raise interest rates further this year. Increased rates tend to hurt stocks because investors are lured to fixed-income securities such as bonds. Rising rates also make borrowing more expensive, which dents corporate profit.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 4.04 points higher at 3,958.25, barely 20 points below its record high set Jan. 31, 1994 But declining issues narrowly outnumbered advancing ones on the New York Stock

Exchange. The price of the 30-year Treasury bond rose 21/32 to 100 5/32, pulling the yield down to 7.59 percent from 7.67 percent on Monday.

American depositary receipts representing shares in Hanson PLC were the most actively

Stock Exchange. The ADRs rose ¼ to 19 after the U.S.-British conglomerate posted a jump in first-quarter profit.

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Telephone stocks fell because investors were concerned about rising competition from long-distance providers such as AT&T and MCI Communications to provide local phone ser-

Shares in GTE fell 11/4 to 331/4, Ameritech dropped 1/4 to 421/4, and AT&T fell 1/4 to 511/4. Volume on the NYSE was moderate: 300 million shares changed hands, compared with 255 million Monday and 365

million Friday.

Many investors waited for the release Wednesday of the consumer price index. The index, an important inflation indicator, should give investors clues about whether the Fed has raised rates enough to control

inflation. Shares in PepsiCo gained af-ter the company's chief executive, Wayne Calloway, said Pepsi might sell more of its company-owned restaurants to franchisees. Last week, the company said its quarterly restaurant operating profit fell for the first time in 15 years.

Traders See Inflation, So They Sell Dollars

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar weakened against other major. The dollar fell as the foreign Tuesday, falling more than a exchange market paid attention pfennig against the Deutsche to it, but the bond market did mark as traders worried that not." U.S. inflation would accelerate. creases in the prices paid and

Foreign Exchange

received components in the Atlanta Federal Reserve's monthly economic survey. That offset mild support from a slightly weaker-than-expected U.S. retail sales report for January.

The dollar's decline came even though U.S. Treasury bonds gained. The two markets have traded in tandem recently. rising when inflation appears tame and falling when strong economic reports indicate infla-

tion is accelerating.
"We have suddenly seen a decoupling between the foreign exchange and bond markets," said Hillel Waxman, currency trading manager at Bank Leumi

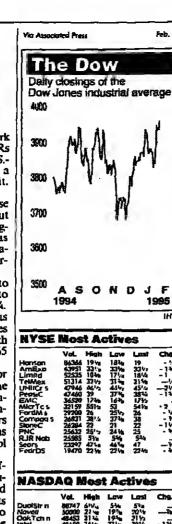
Trust "The Atlanta Fed's inflation numbers were very high.

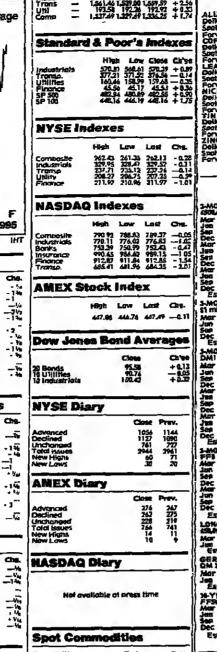
The dollar also suffered from Pressure came from sharp in- continued worries over political and economic turmoil in Mexico, traders said. Mexico's tu-mult hurts the dollar because of the close ties trade between Mexico and the United States. The peso fell sharply: the dollar bought 5.845 pesos at the end of trading, compared to 5.695 pesos on Monday.

> The dollar fell to 1.5088 DM from 1.5210 DM on Tuesday. It dropped to 5.2268 French francs from 5.2700 francs, to 1.2740 Swiss francs from 1.2853 francs and to 98.535 yen from 98.715 yen.

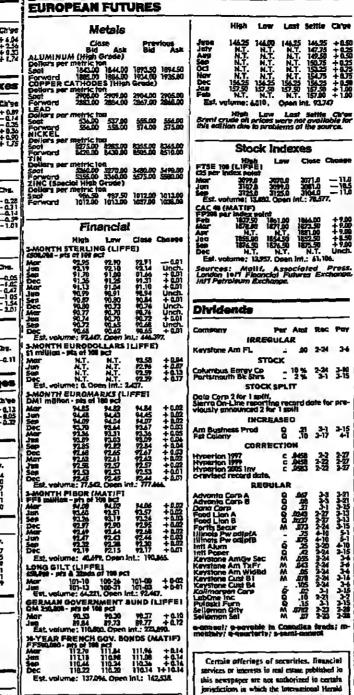
> The pound weakened to \$1,5625 from \$1,5631, burdened by concerns about rising inflation in Britain

(AFP, Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)





Dow Jones Averages



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National Gypsum's Earnings Jump CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — National Gypsum Co... which is trying to avoid being taken over hy Delcor Inc., said

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Tuesday its fourth-quarter profit rose 88 percent.
The building-materials maker earned \$26.5 million in the three
months to Dec. 31, compared with \$14.1 million a year earlier.
Revenue rose to \$167.1 million from \$136.3 million.
On Monday, National Gypsum rejected Delcor's second taken.

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On Monday, National Gypsum rejected Delcor's second takeover offer, which Delcor said represented a 40 percent premium
over National Gypsum's stock price when it made its initial \$940
million offer on Nov. 15. The second bid involves a \$600 million
recapitalization plan that would be backed by NationsBank Corp.
and First Union Corp. Delcor now owns 19 percent of National
Gypsum, and First Union holds 4 percent.

Retail Sales Rose 0.2% in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales rose 0.2 percent in January, the Commerce Department said Tuesday, held back by the first drop in auto sales in half a year.

The Commerce Department also revised its figure for December retail sales to show a gain of 0.2 percent, rather than a previously reported drop of 0.1 percent.

Auto sales fell 0.6 percent last month, the first drop since a 1 percent decline in July. Excluding car sales, a volatile component, retail sales rose 0.4 percent in January. Retail sales, accounting for

retail sales rose 0.4 percent in January. Retail sales, accounting for about half of consumer spending, have risen or remained unchanged since falling 1 percent in April.

More Fast Food Is Coming to Asia

NEW YORK (AP-DJ) — PepsiCo Inc. said Tuesday it expected the number of Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza Hut restaurants in Asia to double over the next five years. The company's Pepsico Restaurants International unit currently operates about 2,250 outlets of the two well-known hrand names in Asia.

Timothy Lane, who runs PepsiCo's Asia husinesses, said the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchisee in the Philippines. QSR Corp., recently opened three new stores in the country and planned several more this year. QSR, a unit of Ramcar Inc. acquired the franchise last year.

Moody's Downgrades J. P. Morgan

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — J. P. Morgan & Co.'s banking unit was stripped Tuesday of its "Aaa" credit rating as Moody's Investors Service Inc. warned of greater risks in its fastest-growing

The credit rating company also cut its rating on Bankers Trust New York Corp. debt, citing recent problems in the bank's derivatives husinesses. The downgrade to "Aal" could be especially tough for J. P. Morgan, which used its stature as one of the highest-rated U.S. banks to lure top corporate clients to its derivatives and underwriting businesses, analysts said.

U.S. Consumers Charged More in '94

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumers charged \$290.7 billion on their Visa cards last year, a 28 percent increase over 1993. Visa

The number of Visa cards in circulation in the United States rose 22.4 percent last year, to 205.7 million cards, the credit card consortium said. There are 387 million Visa cards worldwide. A healthy U.S. economy and a plethora of new cards offering low interest rates and balance transfer features contributed to

growth in the credit card business, industry analysts said.

BUFFETT: Investor Quietly Gets 10% of Stock in American Express

return in three years of \$164 mil-

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Market Sales

lion, about 64 percent. Mr. Buffett then started huying more common stock, accumulating a total of 27.7 million shares by Dec. 31 and adding 20.7 million more during the past six weeks. Because he trades through an investment company, he did not have to tell \$1,375, on Tuesday. anyone his American Express

1994, the first year in which he crossed that threshold.

The deadline for Mr. Buffett's filing was Monday. After it was reported Tuesday that Mr. Buffett controlled nearly 10 percent of American Express. Wall Street hid up the stock by \$1.50 a share, or about \$55 million for his 40.5 million shares, which closed at \$33.50, up

"This is right in character for stake had surpassed 5 percent him," said Bruce H. Van Koo-

Kirkpatrick, Pettis in Omaha. Nebraska, Mr. Buffet's hometown and operating hase. "He gets into a company where he understands the business. knows the management and can obtain the stock at a reasonable

Industrials

ing company that sank from a high of \$31.625 a share to \$20 in the past year and closed Tuesday at \$25, up 87.5 cents. Berkshire Hathaway also told the SEC Monday it held an 8.3 percent stake in that company.

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valuation. Then he holds on: as he says, his favorite holding period is forever."

As a white knight for troubled companies, Mr. Buffett has made similar profitable deals with Salomon Inc., Washington Investors curious about Mr. Post Co. and Capital Cities/ Buffett's next target of opportu- ABC Inc. He also owns large nity might turn to PNC Bank stakes in Wells Fargo & Co., until 45 days after the end of ten, an investment manager at Corp., a Philadelphia hank hold-Gillette Co., General Dynamics

Corp., Geico Corp. and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Berkshire Hathaway, of which Mr. Buffett owns a significant stake, is worth about \$25 billion on the stock market. Its shares. by far the most expensive on the New York Stock Exchange, have fluctuated during the past month between \$21,000 and

\$25,000, closing Tuesday at \$21,600, down \$900. The fluctuations come largely because short-term investors were attracted by a best-selling book that described Mr. Bufferr's investment philosophy, and some bailed out.

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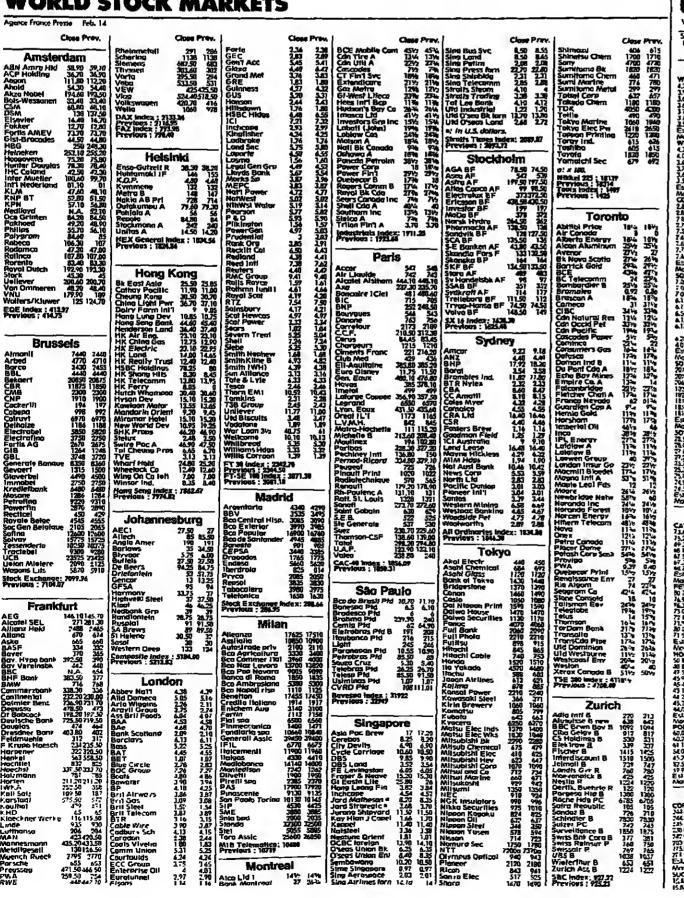
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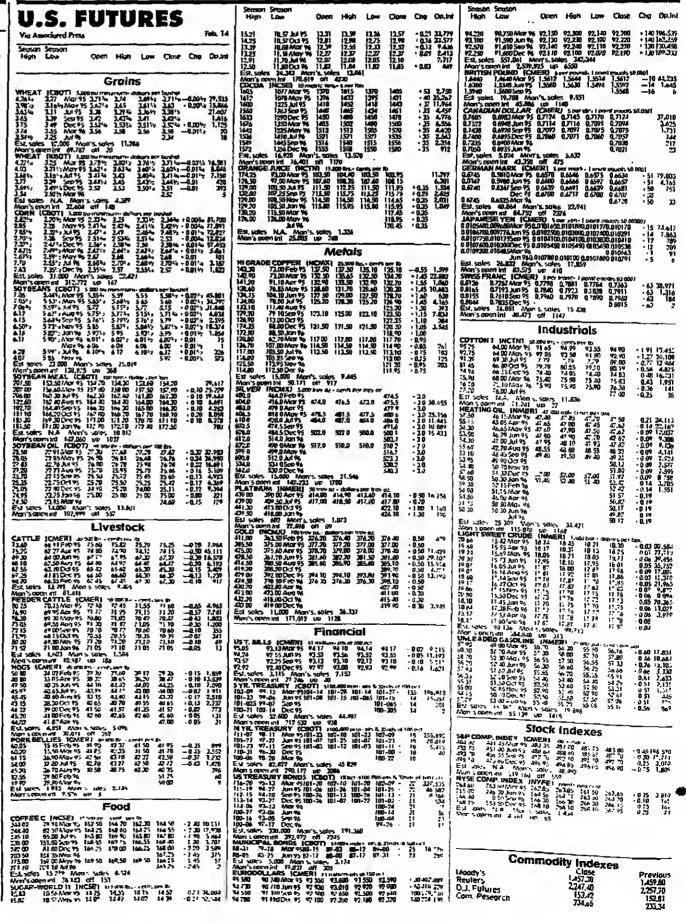
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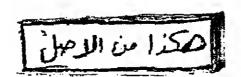
Bloomberg Business News INDIANAPOLIS - Eli Lil-& Co., the U.S. pharmaceutical house, said Tuesday it rebounded to profit in the fourth quarter, reversing a year-earlier loss caused by restructuring.

Profit from continuing operations was \$269,6 million, or 93 cents a share, after a loss from continuing operations of \$463 million, or \$1.57 a share, in the fourth quarter of 1993.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS







EUROPE

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MADRID — Consumer prices in Spain rose a less-than-expected 1.0 percent in January from December, the government said

Tuesday, easing pressure on the central bank

Many analysts had expected prices to be up by 1.3 percent to 1.7 percent for the month.

The underlying inflation rate, which ex-cludes prices for energy and nonprocessed foods, rose 0.9 percent in January from De-

cember and 4.5 percent from January 1994, the National Statistics Institute said.

allow the Bank of Spain to hold off on raising

rates to check rising prices. The central bank

last raised its intervention rate Jan. 4, to 8.0

The moderate rise in consumer prices for January gives the central bank "a breathing

space" before further altering monetary policy,

said Carmen Alcaide, director of macroeco nomic research at Banço Bilbao Vizcaya SA.

Analysts said the subdued inflation should

to raise interest rates.

percent from 7.35 percent.

Earnings Rise in Britain

Hanson Profit Jumps and Reuters Sees Gains

LONDON — Hanson PLC, an Anglo-Ameri-

jump in first-quarter pretax profit.

The company earned £272 million (\$425 million) before taxes in the quarter ended Dec. 31. up from £172 million a year earlier. Sales rose to £3.16 billion from £2.9 billion.

Hanson's 1993 pretax result was reduced by about £66 million because of a strike at its Peabody coal operations.

Hanson said profit rose through all its businesses last year but that it did not expect the growth for the remainder of the year, to Sept. 30, to continue at the same rate. But with generally improved volumes and margins, Derek Bonham, chief executive of Hanson, said the outlook was

The company did not break out results for individual divisions but cited particularly strong performance at the New York-based Quantum unit, which it acquired in 1993 for \$3.3 billion. Analysts said any negative news would have been in the timber business.

"The results were super and reflect a major turnaround at Quantum," said Bob Carpenter, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities. Polyethylene price increases, which belped Quantum's profit to increase about eightfold from a year earlier, may soften a little in the second quarter, analysts said.

U.K. Approves

Trafalgar's Bid

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LONDON — Shares in elec-tric companies rose Tuesday af-

ter the government cleared a hostile £1.2 billion (\$2 billion)

bid by Trafalgar House PLC for Northern Electric PLC.

Trade Secretary Michael He-

seltine rejected a request by

Northern Electric that the bid

be referred to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission for

The bid by Trafalgar, a con-

struction and transportation

conglomerate that is part of the Hong Kong-based Jardine

Matheson group, is the first at-

tempted takeover of a regional

Northern Electric shares

surged 112 pence to 1,087, while Trafalgar shares gained 4 to 70.

Shares in other regional elec-

tricity companies, now seen as

vulnerable to takeovers, also

British electric company.

further review.

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Prices climbed to as much as 45 cents a pound can industrial conglomerate, said Tuesday that an "outstanding performance" at its Quantum Chemical Co. unit helped it post a 58 percent jump in first-quarter pretax profes. zed profit," Mr. Ritchie said.

Investors gave the results a tepid reception. Hanson's stock finished at 244 pence, up 1. Another British company with strong U.S. ues, Reuters Holdings PLC, also reported a rise in earnings, to £510 million before taxes for all of 1994 from £440 million in 1993. Sales rose to £2.31 billion from £1.87 billion.

Like Hanson, Reuters predicted slower growth

"We believe that recent setbacks in financial markets are bound to bave some effect on elient purchasing decisions this year," said Peter Job, chief executive. "Even so, clients continue to re-equip their dealing rooms, and the information management systems business has never been

Reuters said transaction products, which allow customers to make financial deals on computer screens, continued to be the fastest-growing product line, with revenue rising 34 percent, to £527 million, last year.

Reuters said the number of customers with its information terminals hit 300,000 during the year, up from 200,000 two years ago. The company delivers information to 40,000 offices, up from 29,000 two years ago.

Chemical Division

Lifts BP Earnings

seven years Tnesday.

company's chief executive.

refining margins worldwide.

LONDON - A strong rebound in the petrochemicals

business and slightly higher oil prices in the fourth quarter

helped British Petroleum Co. post its best yearly results in

BP earned a net £1.52 billion (\$2 billion) in 1994 on a

replacement-cost basis, which values oil inventories at current

market prices, up from £896 million in 1993. On a historic-

cost basis, which values stocks at their purchase price, the

company earned £1.58 billion, up from £615 million in 1993.

The turnaround comes after an overhaul of BP's business in

"The fundamental changes in our organization are clearly

1992, when it cut expenses, halved its dividend, eliminated

jobs and sold businesses outside the oil and chemical areas.

now coming through to the results," said David Simon, the

Although the results exceeded many analysts' expectations,

While petroleum production remained the most profitable

activity for BP, chemical earnings led the rebound. Operating profit at BP's chemical business totaled £119 million, revers-

ing a loss of £15 million a year earlier.

Operating profit in BP's oil and natural gas units rose to £522

million from £440 million amid higher oil output and prices.

But in refining and marketing, the company said operating profit fell to £126 million from £220 million, reflecting weak

(AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

investors sent BP's stock down 7 pence, to 418.

Daimler Sets Sights formation to 40,000 offices, up to years ago. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AFP) On Sogeti

BONN - Daimler-Benz AG is considering taking control of Sogeti SA, the holding company of the leading French software house Cap Gemini Sogeti SA, a Daimler-Benz spokesman

said Tuesday.

Daimler-Benz owns holds 34 percent of Sogeti and is entitled to increase this stake to 39.9 percent, which would give it effective control of the French

Daimler-Benz acquired its stake for 1.4 billion Deutsche marks (\$922 million) in 1991 and concluded an agreement that gave Cap Gemini the right to buy back the Daimler stake by Jan. 31, 1995. But the French company has chosen not to do

Cap Gemini reported Monday that it had reduced its aftertax loss after minority interests in 1994 to 95 million francs from 429 million francs in 1993 and added it expected to post a profit in 1995.

Separately, the European Commission cleared the takeover of the German busmaker Karl Kässbohrer GmbH by Mercedes-Benz AG, a unit of Daimler-Benz

(AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Fall in Debt Provisions Fuels Allied Irish Banks' Earnings

LONDON - Allied Irish Banks PLC, Ireland's biggest financial-services company, said Tuesday its 1994 pretax profit rose 17 percent because of lower provisions for bad

Pretax profit was 341 million punts (\$530 million), compared with 292.6 million punts in 1993.

The banking company's annual dividend will rise to 11 pence a share from 9.75 pence for the previous year.

Thomas Mulcahy, chief executive, said strong growth in Britain, Ireland and the United States had belped the company make "significant reductions" in bad-debt provisions. But Allied Irish said results in its capital-markets division

fell 22 percent on the year because of "difficult and volatile bond markets." The company's shares fell 4 pence to 265. Analysts said lower lending margins, interest income and dealing profits caused investors to sell Allied Irish shares.

Spain's Prices Post Mild Rise Frankfurt Paris London FTSE 100 Index **CAC 40** Spain's minister of economy and finance, Pedro Solbes, said the data allowed room for 3200 3100 Ms. Alcaide predicted the Bank of Spain would wait until February inflation data were released for further evidence of the impact of indirect tax increases. Spain raised its value-2800 SON OJF added tax rate to 16 percent from 15 percent at the beginning of the year. Exchange Prev. Tuesday Close Jaime de Pinies, head of research at San-Change tander Investment, said the peseta's recent depreciation had not fully filtered through to Amsterdam 414.75 -0_19 413,97 -0.06 Brussels Stock Index 7,099.96 7.104.07 2,116.95 +0.77 Frankfurt DAX 2.133.24 The peseta firmed after the inflation data, with the Deutsche mark falling to 85.7850 pesetas from 86.3170 pesetas Monday. The Frankfurt 790.40 +0.45 793_98 +0.53 Helsinki HEX 1.834.56 1,824.86 yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond fell to 11.50 percent from 11.64 percent. 2.344.50 -0.08 London Financial Times 30 2.342.70 London FTSE 100 3.081.10 The government has set a target of 3.5 percent for inflation for all of 1995, down Madrid General Index 288.66 286.95 +0.60 -0.36 10680 10719 Milan MIBTEL (AFX, Knight-Ridder) Paris CAC 40 1.856.09 1.850.31 +0.31

Investor's Europe

Den Norske Bank Posts Its Highest-Ever Profit

from 4.3 percent in 1994.

consumer prices.

a rate cut by the central bank.

OSLO — Den norske Bank S. Norway's largest commer-spent on bailing out the coun-AS, Norway's largest commercial bank, said Tuesday its 1994 net profit leaped to 2.68 billion kroner (\$401 million) from 942

million kroner in 1993. "This is the highest profit fig-ure in the history of the bank, corresponding to a 29 percent return on equity," the bank said.

DnB said it would pay a dividend of 1.25 kroner a share, or a total of about 801 million kroner. The state-controlled bank defied government pressure for a higher dividend of 1.95 kroner

try's top banks several years ago. But because the state is not

the bank from paying the lower dividend would be to force the board to quit at the bank's annual meeting April 4, a bank spokesman said

represented on DnB's board,

the only way for it to prevent

Ole Lund, chairman, said the improved result should be seen in the context of a recovery in

way. (Resters, AFP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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• British Steel PLC and GKN PLC reached an agreement for British Steel to acquire GKN's stake in UES Holdings Ltd. for £93 million (\$145 million).

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a Austria's Finance Minister Ferdinand Locina said he was interested in selling the government's 70 percent stake in Creditanstalt-Bankverein. He also said the country's budget deficit for 1995 would fall to 102.2 billion schillings (\$9.57 billion) from 104.8 billion schillings in 1994. The 1995 figure would equal 4.3 percent of gross domestic product, compared with 4.7 percent in 1994.

• Kvaerner AS, a Norwegian shipbuilding and engineering company, will sell a 28-ship gas carrier fleet valued at 3.6 billion kroner (\$538 million) to Havtor SA, a Norwegian shipping company. Kvaerner will receive shares in Havtor as payment, but Kvaerner refused to disclose the value of the shares or the size of the stake.

 CarnaudMetaibox SA, an Anglo-French packing company, had sales in the fourth quarter of 5.69 billion French francs (\$1 billion), down 0.6 percent from a year earlier; sales for the year rose 2.3 percent, to 24.89 billion francs.

• The Netherlands' jobless rate rose to 7.6 percent in the threemonth period ended in January from 7.5 percent a year earlier.

· Czech SPT Telecom has given a "golden share" to the government that will allow the state veto power over strategic decisions after it gives up majority control.

 Denmark's 1994 deficit was 42.1 billion kroner (\$7 billion), or nearly 13 billion kroner less than originally budgeted.

 France's nonfarm employment rose a provisional 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter after rising 0.4 percent in the third quarter.

British companies spent £15.1 billion on acquisitions in 1994, the highest annual figure recorded since 1989, although the number of

 Italy's industry minister, Alberto Clo, said the electricity group ENEL SpA would not be privatized for three to five years. He said Italy would "adopt the English model" in reorganizing the company's structure and would introduce competition into "all phases of the production and distribution process.

• West European new-car registrations rose 3.7 percent in January from a year earlier, to 1.08 million, the European Association of Automobile Constructors said. Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters, Knight-Ridder

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Real-Estate Sale **Helps Profit Soar** At Roussel Uclaf

Without exceptional gains,

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — Roussel Uclaf SA said Tuesday that one-time gains and strong overseas sales helped its net profit rise 82 percent in 1994, to 1.8 billion French francs (\$342 million).

which came mainly from the sale of a real-estate complex in Paris, the pharmaceutical company's profit would have risen 22 percent, to 1.2 billion francs. For 1993, Roussel posted a profit of 987 million francs.

Roussel said 1994 sales rose to 16.3 billion francs from 15.9 billion francs.

Scparately, Alcatel Alsthom SA, the world's largest telecommunications-equipment com-pany, said 1994 sales rose 7 percent, to 167.7 billion francs from 156.3 billion francs in 1993. (Bloomberg, Reuters) (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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The volatile trading conditions experienced on South American Stock Exchanges have resulted in increased spreads between purchase and sale prices quoted by brokers and as well reduced liquidity in these same markets. Significantly higher investment or sale costs of the assets owned by the Sub-Fund have been recorded. The Board of Directors of the SICAV feels that the shareholders as a whole should not be asked to bear costs executed markly with investment, or sale of the undarking snarenoiders as e whole should not be asked to bear costs associated merely with investment, or sale, of the underlying assets in connection with issue or redemption requests of this Sub-Fund's shares. Consequently the Board of Directors of the SICAV has decided on January 26, 1995 to introduce as from March 15, 1995 a fee of 1,50% on the net esset velue of epplication for both the issue or redemption of shares.

This fee, which shall only be levied on the Latin-America Sub-Fund, shall wholly accrue to this Sub-Fund. The shareholders of the Latiu-America Sub-Fund have the possibility either to:

redeem their shares or - to switch into any other sub-fund of the BSS UNIVERSAL FUND SICAV without paying this indomnity fee during a period of one month after this publication.

As from March 15, 1995 the following fee structure shall apply: The issue prire will be:
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The redemption price will be: Net Asset Valoe, less sales fee of 1,5 %, less exit commission of maximum 0,5%.

this fee shall also apply when switching between different classes of the Fund and the Latin-America Sub-Fund.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS ASIAN CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND 20, Boulevard Emmanuel-Servais,

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Notice is hereby given that that Extraordinary Ceneral Meeting of the shareholders of ASIAN CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND will be held at the registered office of the Company on 24 February 1995 at 10:00 a.m. with the only item of the agenda as follows: 1. To consider and if thought fit to omend the coordinated version

of the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund dated 2 December 1993 in order to postpone the date of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders from the 13th day in March to the 28th day in April.

It is therefore proposed to resolve that Article 10 \$1 of the Articles of Incorporation will be amended to read as follows:

The Annual General Meeting of Shoreholders shall be held, in accordance with Luxemboorg law, in Luxembourg at the registered office of the Corporotion or at such other place in Luxembourg, os may be specified in the notice of meeting, on the 28th day in April at 3.30 p.m. If such o day is not a bank business day in Luxembourg, the Annual General Meeting shall be held on the next following bank bosiness day. The Annual General Meeting may be held obroad if, in the absolute and finol judgement of the Board of Directors, exceptional circumstances so require."

The shareholders are advised that a quorum of 50% is required for the item of the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting and that a decision will be taken at the majority of the two thirds of the shares present or represented at the meeting, each share is entitled to one vote. A shoreholder may act of ony meeting by proxy.

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Hong Kong Firms To Try Discounting **Apartment Prices**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher
HONG KONG — Two of Hong Kong's major property developers, New World Development Co. and Hang Lung Development Co., said Tuesday they would test the colony's sagging real-estate market this week by offering apartments at discount prices.

New World said it would offer 90 low-rise apartments at its Crestmont Villa development in Discovery Bay for an average price of 4.590 Hong Kong dollars (\$594) a square foot, about 12 percent below the current

TVB Shares Fall as Analysts Cut Ratings

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG — Television Broadcasts Ltd. shares fell nearly 7 percent Tuesday after several analysts cut their recommendations on the stock.

The sbares ended at 29.80 Hong Kong dollars (\$3.85), down 2.20.

The decline came a day after Pearson PLC anoounced plans to buy a 10 percent stake in the broadcasting concern.

While an alliance with London-hased Pearson would belp Television Broadcasts expand, analysts said, the company's shares bad climbed more quickly over the past month than its earnings outlook would justify.

Several analysts downgraded the stock to a "hold" from a "buy."

"The rally is overdone," said Donald Keyser, an analyst at Baring Securiues Ltd. The stock has climbed 25 percent since Jan. 16. Many investors sold property and bank stocks to buy it as a way of insulating themselves against the impact of rising interest rates, Mr. Keyser said, secondary-market price for apartments in the same building. That price is equivalent to about 49,400 dollars a square

New World said it didn't expect to sell all the apartments despite the discount.

Hang Lung said it would offer 90 apartments at its Korn-ville development in Quarry Bay on Hong Kong Island for an average price of 4,640 dollars a square foot, about 7 percent below the secondary- market

Ricky Kwan, a real-estate analyst at Schroders Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd., said dewas expected to be be high. In Quarry Bay, there have been no oew units built in the past two years," he said.

Real-estate prices are a key measure of the colony's ecooomic health, since about 70 percent of Hong Kong companies derive at least a portion of their earnings from property.

According to some estimates. residential property in Hong Kong has lost more than 30 percent of its value since the market's peak about 11 months ago. Analysts, moreover, have predicted that prices will fall a further 10 percent this year amid increasing interest rates and restrictive mortgage lending by Hong Kong banks.

Prices of the New World apartments at Crestmont Villa have fallen 20 percent from the market's peak, and those at Kornville have fallen more than 30 percent, Mr. Kwan said.

Meanwhile, Standard Chartered Bank on Tuesday urged the Hong Kong government to review measures aimed at curbing property speculation, saving the measures worked against the government's goal of increasing the long-term housing supply.

In particular, the bank urged the government to reconsider rules that prohibit developers from selling a property until nine months before its completion date, calling them "anti-speculation measures" introduced in June 1994 to tackle "exceptional market circumstances."

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

Film Firms' New Focus

United Artists Plans a Venture in India

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - A joint venture between United Artists Theatre Circuit Inc. and India's Modi Group plans to build as many as 23 cinema complexes across India within five years, an executive of the Indian consumer goods and entertainment conglomerate said

The project, which could see the two com-panies invest \$280 million, comes as India's fragmented domestic film distribution industry and underdeveloped theater husiness are attracting keen interest from foreign and domestic investors.

"This industry is going to heat up in com-ing months, but we believe there is enormous demand and plenty of room for competition," said Lalit Modi, managing director of Modi Enterprises, the entertainment division of the family-controlled industrial conglomerate.

While the Indian movie industry churns out as many as 900 feature films a year, foreigners have until now shied away from a market where complex state-by-state tax and regulatory regimes have thwarted the rise of national theatrical and distribution chains.

Two other theater companies, Warner Brothers Inc. of the United States and Village Roadshow Ltd. of Australia, are believed to be close to announcing plans to enter the market with Indian partners, industry sources said.

"Anything that helps increase the stan-dards of theaters in India is welcome," a

distributor of foreign-made films in Bombay said. "It will help our releases tremendously." The United Artists-Modi venture will target 23 cities in India with populations larger than 1 million for the establishment of so-called multiplex cinemas with seating capacity of 3,000 and as many as 12 separate screens.

Each complex also will include the latest in interactive games and food concessions aimed at families and young people.

The joint venture will seek to have entertainment taxes waived in individual states that protect non-Hindi language film industries. The companies will ask city governments to solicit state governments for the tax relief.
Hindi is the dominant language in India

mong 15 official languages. The joint venture will try to build the com-

plexes in downtown areas. In Western countries, particularly in the United States where the hulk of United Artists' 220 screens are located, multiplexes are in or near shopping malls.

But in India, despite the increased middleclass spending power that is drawing foreign consumer goods firms to set up shop in the country for the first time, shopping malls have yet to appear.

"We will go for malls when they come, but for now we will go for prominent sites in each city," said Mr. Modi, whose company already has a marketing, dubbing and film distribution joint venture with Walt Disney Studios.

Pacemaker Problem Hits Dunlop

SYDNEY - Pacific Dunlop Ltd. said Tuesday its first-half profit fell 24 percent, largely because of a previously an-nounced charge related to prob-cents to 3.01 dollars. lems with the company's heart pacemaker.

golf balls, said profit for the six million. months ended Dec. 31 fell to 114 Burns Philip Net Rises million Australian dollars (\$84 million) from 150 millioo dollars a year earlier. Sales rose 6 percent, to 3.73 billion dollars.

The company took a 40 million dollar charge to cover estimated costs related to problems in pacemakers made by its Te- stores. lectronics subsidiary, based in Denver. Two deaths resulted, three of the company's pacemaker-related products were recalled, and the company faces a possible class-action lawsuit in the United States.

worldwide impact is," Philip tions rose 17 percent to 112.4 Brass, the company's managing director, said.

Pacific Dunlop shares closed at a seven-year low, falling 2

Excluding exceptional charges, which totaled 45 mil-The company, whose prod- lion dollars, the company said ucts also include food, tires and profit rose 1 percent to 151.3

Burns Philp & Co., an Australian food-ingredients maker and marketer, said first-half net profit rose less than 1 percent, reflecting reduced income after the sale of its chain of hardware

Profit in the six months ended Dec. 31 rose to 76.7 Australian dollars million from 76.3 million dollars a year earlier. Revenue in the half fell 32

percent, to 1 billion dollars. Sales from cootinuing opera-"It will be another month or tions, bowever, rose 13 percent; two before we gauge what the profit from cootinuing opera-

million dollars. The results were in line with expectations.

The company reported an exceptional gain of 111,3 million dollars oo the sale of its hardware and nonfood business. That was largely offset by charges, including a write-down on an Italian anobioocs busi- to Mr. Packer. ness being put up for sale.

16% Stake In Fairfax

Packer Has

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
SYDNEY — The financier Kerry Packer confirmed Tuesday that he had raised his stake in the media group John Fair-fax Holdings Ltd. to 16.4 percent from 14.8 percent.

The announcement, which followed speculation that Mr. Packer had been the buyer of large blocks of Fairfax stock Friday and Monday, laid the groundwork for a legal challenge to the government's limits on cross-media share holdings.

Under those rules, Mr. Packer should not own more than 15 percent of Fairfax, because he controls the television group Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd., which runs the television concern Nine Network Australia Ltd.

Michael Lee, Australia's communications minister, said the government did not favor changing its ownership rules.

"The law of the land is the law of the land," he said. "If you exceed 15 percent, you are deemed to be in control unless you can prove otherwise."

Some analysts said Mr. Packer could increase his Fairfax stake and still argue he had no control over the company if his holding remained smaller than that of Conrad Black, the Canadian chairman of Telegraph PLC, the London-based newspaper concern. Mr. Black owns 25 percent of Fairfax.

"I cannot see what would stop him as long as he can demonstrate be is not in control, and that should be pretty easy,' said David Kelly, a media analyst at the brokerage McIntosh & Co. in Melbourne, referring

(Bloomberg, AFX, AFP)

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Very briefly:

· Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd.'s pretax profit rose to 680.8 million Australian dollars (\$508 million) in the last half of 1994 from 486.4 million in the year-earlier period on a lower provision for bad debts and increased home mortgage lending.

 Alcan Australia Ltd. earned a net 31,49 million Australian dollars in 1994, up sharply from 772,000 dollars the previous year, amid a 13 percent increase in sales.

 McIntosh Securities Ltd., the only publicly traded brokerage in Australia, said profit plunged to 48,000 Australian dollars in the last half of 1994 from 21.7 million dollars in the year-earlier period as commission income declined.

• Japan's Economic Planning Agency said private-sector machin-ery orders rose 8.7 percent in December from a year earlier and rose 2.7 percent in 1994 as a whole.

• Hualon Corp., one of the largest textile companies in Taiwan, had provisional pretax profit last year of 1.8 billion Taiwan dollars (\$68 million), reversing a loss of 384 million dollars in 1993, amid higher income from investments.

• Toyota Motor Corp.'s labor union will seek a monthly wage increase of 12,000 yen (\$120) in this spring's annual pay talks.

Japanese private-sector corporate bankruptcy liabilities fell 29 percent in January from a year earlier. AFX, Kmght-Ridder, Bloomberg

Strong Revenue Lifts San Miguel's Net

MANILA - San Miguel Corp. said Tuesday its oet income nearly tripled last year after a nearly 13 percent increase in sales and a ooe-time gain from the sale of a brewery site in Hong Kong.

The brewing, beverage and food cooglom-erate earned 11.86 billion pesos (\$478 million) in 1994, up from 4.03 billion pesos m 1993. The bottom line was aided by a gain of 6.32

billion pesos from the sale in Hong Kong and a gain of 655 million pesos from a revaluation of its fixed assets in line with international accounting practices.

The company said sales rose to 68,4 billioo pesos from 60.8 billion pesos in 1993. San Miguel's best-selling products are beer, soft drinks, meat products and poultry.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Hong Kong Tourism Rises

HONG KONG — Tourists spent a record 64.3 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$8 billioo) in the territory last year, making them the colony's secondlargest source of foreign exchange, the Hong Kong Tourist Association said Tuesday.

Tourism income rose 7.1 percent from 1993 as 9.3 million



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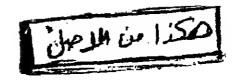
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CRIMINAL NUMBER 91-0655 (JHG)

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 21, 1994, in the abovecaptioned case, the Honorable Joyce Hens Green, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, entered a preliminary Order of Forfeiture condemning and forfeiting the following properties to the United States of

Fourth Supplemental List of Forfeit	ed Prop	erty
Description	Ap	proximate Value
Excess funds from liquidation of New York agency of BCCI S.A.	\$	77,000,000.00
Excess funds from liquidation of Catilomia agency of BCCf S.A. not included in Third Supplemental List of Forfeiled Property	S	3,647,571.00
Funds at Chase Manhattan Bank representing interest owed to BCCI S.A. on bonds issued by the Republic of Venezuela: Account No. C20135 B	S	5,086,56
Accounts of BCCI S.A. Dubar at Bank of New York: (transferred to Court Registry Investment System)	\$	3,600.00
Accounts of BCCf (Overseas) Bombay at New York agency of BCCI S.A.: Account Nos. 2044100105 and 2044100207 ifransferred fo Court Registry Invastment Systems	S	45,163,04
Carlson Farm, Sherman. Connecticut	S	2,000,000.00
Assets of BCCI Nigeria af American Express Bank, Account No. 3/52977 ("BCCI (OVERSEAS) Nairobi")	\$	82,156.99
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American Mills (uansierrec to Court Registry Investment System)	\$	7,000.00
Domino Investment, Ltd.	\$	23,673.14
Fastrax, Inc.	\$	197,500.00
Remittance of lunds paid in contempt proceeding in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District or Florida. Including inferest (held by Nussbaum & Wald)	\$	165,233.00
61.156 percent of the amount distributable to CCAH shareholders as a consequence of the liquidation or other disposition of their indirect interest in First American Corporation	\$	287,000,000.00
Willow Hollow, Houston. Texas	\$	850,000.00

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of each of the forfeited properties in such manner as the Attomey General of the United States may direct, consistent with the plea agreement entered into by the detendants and the United States on December 19, 1991. Any persons of enfities having or claiming a legal right, title or interest in any of the alorementioned properties must, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of the final publication of this notice or actual receipt thereof, whichever is earlier, petition The United States District Court for the District of Columbia for a hearing to adjudicale the validity of his ner alleged inferest in the property pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963 (1f. II a hearing is requested, it shaft be held before the Court alone, without a jury. Claimants will bear the burden of proof in all such cases. Pelifions that fail to allege an interest sufficient to mainlain a claim under § 1963 (1) shall be subject to dismissal without a hearing.

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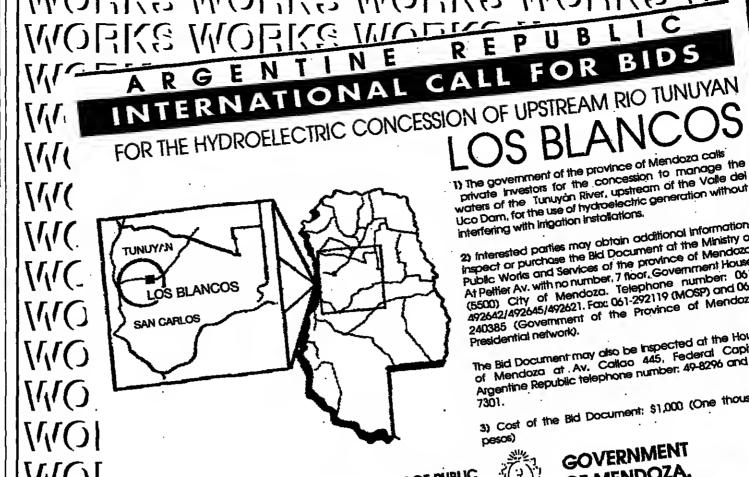
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Asset Forfeiture Office P.O. Box 27322, Central Station Washington, D.C. 20038 Attn: Michele L. Crawford, Esq.

And you should mad a copy of the pelition to counsel for the court-appointed fiduciaries as follows:

> Michael Nussbaum, Esq. Nussbaum & Wald Suite 200 One Thomas Circle Washington, D.C. 20005

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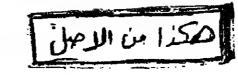
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through economic stimulation and income redistribution. He argues that an increase in spending power, matched by efforts to control prices, will create the momentum needed to create jobs.

Mr. Jospin said he believed that while the French people dislike hureaucracy, they not want less state intervention" and that if he is elected. Privatization will be halted im-

Mr. Jospin said he favored deadline for one.

"mechanisms to help business" only if they were ued to firm undertakings to create jobs. What is the use of helping enterprises when we find that twothirds of the money given them by the Balladur government has been invested on financial markets?" he asked.

Mr. Balladur promised to pursue the aim of European monetary union by 1997. Mr. Jospin more cautiously said that, while he favored a single currency, he was "not certain" that 1997 would be a good

TOKYO — Thirty-seven telecommunica-tions and information technology companies from Europe, North America and Asia said Tuesday they had formed a consortium to develop global standards for telecommunica-tions software.

The companies said the group, known as the Telecommunications Information Networking Architecture Consortium, or TINA-C, sought an "architecture that will enable the efficient introduction and management of telecommunications services on a worldwide hasis.

The so-called architecture will be based on

Global Telecom Standards Sought advanced distributed processing, service delivery technologies and several international standards, the consortium said.

The group, which includes AT&T Corp. of the United States and Fujitsu Ltd. of Japan, will test the effectiveness of the architecture

through experiments and field trials over a five-year period.

"We believe that TINA-C has a vital role to play io enabling new global information networks for the rapid and cost-effective iotroduction of new and sophisticated services like advanced virtual network services and multimedia services," said Tom Rowbotham, president of the consortium's steering board.

Indonesia's Textiles Weaken

JAKARTA - High interest rates, rising wages and stiff competition from other Asian countries are hurting lodonesia's textile exports, an industry official said Tuesday.

Textile exports, which grew an annual average of 28 percent in the three years before 1993, fell to \$5.6 hillion in 1994 from \$6.02 hillion in 1993, when they made up 16 percent of the coun-

try's exports.

high, wages are going up, and we stan," he said. Borrowing costs, he said, are as high as 18 percent.

Mr. Aminudin said Indonesian textile producers also had
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done speedily. Pungli is very widespread. "1995 is going to be another and even foreign investors tough year," said Husein Amin-know about this; the governuddin, chairman of the Federa- ment should help wipe out this raise costs.

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tion of Textile Industry Associa- habit, which adds on to costs," tions, "Interest rates are very he said, refusing to elaborate. Indonesia's textile sector has been viewed as the mainstay of are facing fierce competition been viewed as the mainstay of from countries such as China, a drive to reduce dependence Vietnam, Bangladesh and Paki- on energy exports. But the industry's waning export performance has been a source of con-

cern for the government.
Mr. Aminuddin said plans to raise the minimum wage hy 21. percent April 1, to 4,600 rupiah (\$2.07) a day in 19 provinces including Jakarta and West Java where most textile industries are located, also would

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THE WORLD'S EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

CREMONA CRAFTS A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR STEEL-MAKING

Through innovation and the integration of its individual processes, Cremona's Arvedi group has made steel-making lean, green and profitable.

n terms of output, the Acciaieria 1.S.P. di Cremona's new facility does much more than any other comparable steel-manufacturing plant m the world Owned by the Arvedi group, the facility produces hot-rolled, flat-strip steel coils of "a thinness and product quality never before achieved in a single-unit setup," according to a report made at a recent conference in the United States. By achieving these characteristics, previously the exclusive province of comhined hot- and cold-rolling processes, the plant's I.S.P. (in-line strip produc-tion) technology "has basically created whole new categories of steel prod-ucts," according to Handelshlatt, the German business daily.

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Big cuts in hours, energy and costs That achievement is part of the reason for the plant's success. Since early 1992, when the new \$300 million facility was put into commercial operation, executives and officials from 203 com-

recording rising turnovers and profitability. Their underlying, long-term problem, however, persists: Economic and political constraints lock them into employing their billion-dollar "legacy facilities." Due to their structural inefficiencies, these mammoth and unwieldy plants generally have very high breakeven points, achieving profitability only at annual production runs of millions of tons of steel. Even more importantly, their size makes it prohibitively costly and complicated to re-engineer or reoutfit thero

Exceptional "mini-mills"

Since the early 1960s, there has been an exception to this situation: the "minimills." They manufacture between 100,000 and I million tons of steel a year. Their smallness has allowed the mini-mills to react quickly and to adapt to changes in market conditions and to customers' particular needs, as well as to continually upgrade their production



The \$300 million LS.P. plant in Carmona, opened in 1992, has redefined the industry.

panies and agencies located in the Unit-ed States, Japan, Brazil and 34 other countries have already made the often long trek to Cremona, Italy.

Part of the attraction is what the plant does not do. The Cremona facility does not need more than a small fraction of the amounts of energy, production space, and man- and throughput hours required by conventional plants to produce and process a ton of steel. And, the Cremona facility does not pollute. Its emission levels are world-bests in its

sector. The major reductions in emissions are hy-products of the revolutionary increases achieved by Cremona in plant efficiency and flexibility. These developments bid fair to revitalize the entire steel-manufacturing sector, enhancing its standing on world markets and improving its overall image.

This prospect has sent groups ranging from Yieh United (Taiwan), Sicartsa (Mexico), LTV (the United States) and Mitsubishi (Japan) on flights heading to Milan. From there, they have made the hour-and-a-half drive southeast to Cremona and the exciting preview of the world's steel-making future supplied by its 1.S.P. plant

Recovering from recession

The world's steel-making present is by no means as thrilling as its prospects. Many of the sector's manufacturers in Western Europe and North America have managed to contend with high operating costs and surging competition from Asia and Latin America only by drastically slashing staff size and production output - and by receiving largescale support from the public sector.

Buoyed by these measures and the world's recovery from recession, Western steel-makers recently have been

technologies and extend their product ranges. Mini-mills now account for 30 percent of the world's production of steel - and the figure is rising.

Clusters of these mills have arisen in Western Germany, the United States and, particularly, Northern Italy. Nearly all of them are operated by relatively small, innovation-minded corporations, many of them newcomers to majorleague steel-making.

One of them is Italy's Arvedi group, whose story is not unusual for its sector. In 1832, the Arvedis, originally from Italy's far north, set up a copper-refining and processing facility in the Cremona region. Over the next 130 years, the family prospered, entering into such related fields as iron-working and machine-building, with the latter used in the production of cheese and other locally produced items.

From steel to Stradivari

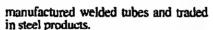
Steel-making is relatively new to Cremona, but consummate craftsmanship definitely is not. In the early 1540s, Andrea Amati began producing exquisite violins, violas and cellos in the town, founding a 200-year-long dynasty of in-strument-makers. His grandson Nicola, considered to be the most accomplished of the family, had two even more talented apprentices: the peerless Antonio Stradivari and Giuseppe Giovanni Guarneri, who founded dynasties of their own. Thanks to generous corporate patronage, the town's tradition of instrument and music-making continues to flourish today.

In 1963, now under the stewardship of Giovanni Arvedi, the scion of the family's fifth generation of entrepre-neurs, the fledgling Arvedi group made a full-scale plunge into the steel-making business, founding subsidiaries that LS.P. (in-line strip production) technology creates

New future for steel-making.

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Despite all the months of exacting and painstaking calculation that went into it, the move remained a gamble for us," says Giovanni Arvedi, 57, who has served as the group's chief executive of-ficer since 1961. "Steel-making is innately a large-stakes game, and Arvedi was and is a relatively small group."

The gamble paid off handsomely. Today, the group's 10 "core" companies manufacture and market more than 1.1 million tons of steel a year, employ some 1,800 people and turn over 1,500 billion lire (\$931 million) in the process. Some 50 percent of its output is export-ed. All told, the group's Finarvedi hold-ing company holds stakes in 29 compa-nies active in publishing, real estate and various industrial activities in addition

The struggle for independence All through its years of growth, the Arvedi group had to contend with a persistent problem: Because it had no casting and rolling facilities, it was forced to buy raw cast coils from outside suppli-The latter displayed a dismaying propensity for gobbling up their "downstream" customers.

"Our prime imperative has always been to stay independent," says Mr. Arvedi. "To do that, we had to find a technology that allowed us to cast and roll our own steel and, at the same time. offer final products at competitive prices and with competitive features. We came up with a vision solving all these problems. The vision was of a mill integrating all phases of steel production, from casting to hot and cold rolling, into one 'in-line' process, of a plant able to produce thin and ultrathin gauges at the same cost as thicker ones.

'And then, in 1977, we set out on a decade-long search for a manufacturer able and willing to build such a facility for us," Mr. Arvedi adds.

Enter Mannesmann Demag

In Mannesmann Demag Hüttentechnik (Demag), Arvedi found a manufacturer with both these qualities - plus an ambi-tious quest all its own. Demag is the metallurgical facility and equipment building arm of Mannesmann AG, one of the world's leading steel and capital goods producers. Since 1982, Demag had been working on creating prototype equipment and facilities for a highly innovative thin-slab continuous-castiog system as well as on the casting and rolling of thin slabs. Now on the company's agenda was finding a "pioneer pro-ducer" willing to install and operate this

"in-line strip production" system.

The working relationship between
Arvedi and Mannesmann Demag Hüttentechnik goes back to the early 1960s and Arvedi's purchase of steel-making

facilities from the company. Demag's own history dates back to 1819; its forerunners smelted steel some 50 years prior to that date. Over the past 176 years, Demag - a member of the Mannesmann group since 1973 - has attained and retained an enviable reputation for being the technological pacesetter in its sector.

Here are just two of many examples. In 1905, Demag built the world's first electric arc furnace, an innovation that revolutionized the production of steel. Since then, the company has built some 1,300 of these furnaces. In 1953, Demag built the top-blowing converter. a key development in the modernizing of steel manufacturing. To date, Demag has designed, built and commissioned 418 converters, 306 continuous casters and 23 mini-mills throughout the world. A few figures detail Demag's continuing success on international markets. Today, Demag equipment and facilities

account for more than 40 percent of all the world's steel produced using contin-uous-casting technologies. In 1994, 80 percent of Demag's \$1.6 billion in sales were made outside Germany. The company is currently working on 201 projects in various countries.

"Never has the pace of innovation been greater at Demag than it is today," says Klaus Brückner, the company's president. In addition to 1.S.P., Demag's list of advanced products and technologies includes direct-current electric arc furnaces, turbulence picking lines and mini-mandrel tube mills.

An offer they couldn't refuse

In 1989, the pioneer producer made an offer the steel-technology innovator never considered refusing. Arvedi would build a new plant in Cremona, and Demag would equip it with its advanced equipment and facilities. The two companies would join together in developing the metallurgical procedures and other tech-

niques and technologies required to operate the They would then market the end-product of this development - the 1.S.P. process, covered by a patent held jointly by both companies - on a worldwide

basis. at the same time." "The risk was even greater than that of 1963," says Mr. Arvedi, looking back. "We were in effect staking our

group's entire future on an untried technology. We were betting not only that this technology would work, but also that it would generate products of a quality never before achieved in such a setting."

He points out that "taking on this technology also meant entering business areas - such as steel casting and rolling - on a scale new to us."

It was a bet that looked increasingly risky over the next few years. Preceded by 18 months of tests carried out on a specially modified continuous-casting line belonging to the Arvedi Group, construction and equipment of the plant hegan in 1990 and went ahead on schedule. As was to be expected with a new

technology, the actual calibrating and fine-tuning of the individual phases of this ultraprecise and intricate manufacturing process turned out to be a protracted, often frustrating experience.

Risk transformed into reward

Since Feb. 22, 1992 and the casting of the first industrial-grade steel coil, the risk has been steadily transformed into reward. To date, the I.S.P. plant in Cremona has produced more than I million tons of steel; the increases in output per month and in quality and profitability per ton have exceeded even the most ambitious forecasts.

Output rose 47 percent in 1994 over 1993's figure, itself up 400 percent over 1992, the plant's first year of operation. In the final quarter of 1994, the facility surpassed all its previous marks for output, gross operating margin (now at an impressive 24.3 percent of turnover) and added value.

And the best is yet to come.

Based on orders on hand and the pre-mium prices currently commanded by its high-quality products. Arvedi is fore-casting further rises of 25 percent in output and 52 percent in turnover by 1996, while operating margin is expected to stabilize at over 25 percent.

Behind these records is a strong de-

mand for the Cremona plant's products and for its technologies. Demand for products is primarily local, in accordance with the Arvedi group's operating plan. "It is over short distances that the L.S.P. plant's unique advantage most strongly comes into play - the fact that it allows customers to be supplied with a wide range of advanced products directly from the steel-processing line, literally on a just-in-time basis," says Giorgio Zambelli, a sales manager for

Revamping Europe's steel industry This reliance on local customers is also a matter of business geography.

"One of our reasons for locating the

Arvedi.

LS.P. facility in Cremona was the fact that a preponderance of Italy's largest industrial companies, purchasing some 4 million tons of steel annually, are to be found within a two hour's drive of Cremona," he adds.

As the highly international stream of

visitors to Cremona would indicate, interest in ac-

quiring the I.S.P. "We wanted to work other hand, has with the best, and with been anything but local. a company we knew we could The amount of interest trust," says Giovanni Arvedi. has been boosted by a major 'break-through' order: "And in Demag, we got both

> Demag I.S.P. facility in Pohang, Korea for Posco (Pohang Iron & Steel Co.). the world's second-largest producer,

"We are in serious negotiations with a number of other producers," reports Mr. Arvedi. "Not surprisingly, many of them are in Western Europe and in the

with completion set for 1996.

An international consortium led by Demag is current-ly building a \$155 millioo Arvedi-



can be especially countered by the savings in cost and time offered through the use of the 1.S.P. technology."

In Arvedi's scenario, the I.S.P. facilities eventually ensuing from these negotiations will go into operation toward the end of the decade. They will be joined by a growing number of "hybrids," conventional steel-making plants featuring supplemental or downstream L.S.P. lines.

"By the turn of the century, thanks to the wave of investment initiated by the I.S.P. process, steel-making could very well be a synonym in Europe and in other parts of the industrialized world for innovation, profitability and envi-ronmental friendliness," he adds.

As Mr. Arvedi points out, the stakes are high for Europe's economy as a whole.

"The viability of any business area, its ability to compete with other regions, is still largely determined by its proficiencies in steel-making - and in integrating into large-scale industrial processes. Therefore, for both these reasons, 1.S.P. represents a great opportunity - one that Europe cannot afford to ignore."

A new way of making steel

Around 750 million tons of steel will be produced and processed in the world in 1995; most of this will involve three distinct operations. The steel will be first cast into an ingot or slab; after cooling, reheating, hot rolling and pickling, it will be transported for cold rolling, normalization and skin passing. Even in the most modern of conventional facilities, in which the first two phases are joined, it takes several hours, the use of heavy moving and transport equipment, and several kilometers of processing to turn raw or scrap ished coils or sections.

At the I.S.P. plant in Cremona, it takes 15 minutes and 175 meters (575 feet) of processing line to transform a load of raw steel into 25 tons of finished coils of quality and stainless steel. The plant does not require any intermediate storage space and external treating and reheating facilities, thus avoiding the need to employ personnel to operate them. By keeping fixed costs down to a minimum, the L.S.P. process allows producers to operate profitably even in times of lean order books.

These radical savings in time, transport, energy, and related personnel and equipment costs arise from the integration of casting, hot and cold rolling, and final surface treatment into a single continuous operation.

In turn, the line's relative compactness allows it to be completely encased in a single encapsulating structure, thus preventing any effluents or noise from escaping untreated into the environ-ment. All effluents produced are con-

Mr. Arvedi:

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veyed to an efficient and extensive system of filters, scrubbers and processors for treating and recycling.

Especially eager to avail themselves of 1.S.P.'s output have been manufacturers of automobile components and other industrial products. For the first time, they can order their finished steel parts directly - on very short notice from the producer, eliminating the need to go through a steel processor. This direct link eliminates unnecessary costs and delays - vital pluses in today's

fiercely cost-conscious industrial world. The I.S.P. plant in Cremona is in full operation. The work on further developing its technology, however, has not ceased. A current focus is the further integration of the hot- and cold-rolling

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Cricket Charges Are Called Joke

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - A former captain of Pakistan's cricket team, Mushtaq Mohammad, said Tuesday he had asked his Australian counterpart, Allan Bor-der, what he would do if offered £500,000 to lose a Test match, but that the question was asked as and understood to be a joke. Mushtaq said in a oewspaper interview that he had talked to Border during the fifth test against England in Birmingham

lent to \$750,000. Later Tuesday, on BBC Radio, Mushtaq said that "now a lot is being said in the paper that Allan Border is upset about what I said to him 18 mooths ago. It's a farce. If he was that upset, why didn't he come out then and there?"

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Winds Halt Cup Racing

SAN DIEGO - The start of the third round of the America's Cup eliminatioo trials was delayed

Tuesday by high winds.
Officials called off the racing when winds reached an estimated 20 to 25 knots. Anything above 18 knots is considered too dangerous for the International Amer-

ica's Cup Class boats. Three challengers races were reset for Wednesday. when series leader Team New Zealand takes oo Nippon, Tag Heuer Challenge

races Rioja de España and Sydney 95 meets France 3. For the defenders, the race between Young America and America3 was put off until the end of the round, Stars & Stripes will race America3 oo Wednes-

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Border, speaking in Austra-lia, said that "I was approached, but I did not think much of it. I was a bit angry at the time, but I have not thought about it much until it has come up again over

the last couple of days."

Border had said earlier that he had been approached during the test match, but refused say by whom or give details. In an interview in London

with Sydney's Telegraph Mirror newspaper, Mushtaq categori-cally denied the conversation amounted to a bribe.

"That doesn't mean I was offering it to him, although I know these things are going on," Mushtaq said.

He said his talk with Border was prompted by England's plight at Edgbaston, where, with one day left Australia faced a victory target of 120 with eight wickets remaining to take a 4-0 lead in the six-test series.

The situation was strikingly similar to the 1981 test match between the two countries in Leeds, where England recorded a dramatic victory by bowling Australia out for 111.

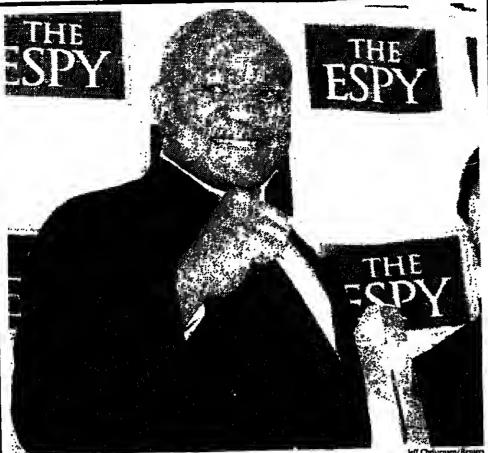
"I said to Allan, You remem-ber Headingley? If the offer was made to you to lose this match for £500,000, what would happen?" " Mushtaq said.

"Allan said to me that he would oever muck about with a cricket match, and I said that is exactly how I felt when I was

playing."
"This was a joke all along with that Headingley test in mind." Mushtaq said. "That doesn't mean I approached Al-

lan Border and said I have got an offer for you from Pakistan." The allegations involving Border come only two days after Australian Cricket Board's chief executive, Graham Halbish, said that several players had experienced similar approaches during Australia's tour of Paki-

stan in October and November. The allegations have soured relations between Australia and (Reuters, AFP)



KING GEORGE — George Foreman receiving his ESPY Award in New York as boxing performer of the year. The 46-year-old heavyweight champion was to officially announce Tuesday, as his first title defense since 1973, that he will fight Axel Schulz of Germany at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas on April 22. Of a fight with Mike Tyson, Foreman said, "If he doesn't sign up with Don King again, it will happen before the end of the year. If I beat Axel Schulz, if Tyson gets out and if he gets away from Don King, it can happen. It would be the greatest show since P.T. and Barnum got together for their thing. But I've got to beat Axel Schulz first."

Tyson to Be Released March 25

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS -- The former heavyweight champioo Mike Tyson is to be released from the Indiana Youth Center oo March 25, the original date for his release.

Tyson, convicted oo Feb. 10, 1992, of rap-

ing a Miss Black America pageant contestant in his room in an Indianapolis hotel the previous July, has been a model prisoner and will be credited for the good-behavior time be has coming, a prison official said Monday.

Tyson's release date had been set back to May 9 after he was disciplined in May 1992 for threatening a guard and disorderly cooduct.

But H. Christian DeBruyn, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction, decided recently to lift the added penalty days after discussing Tyson's case with staff who supervise adult discipline in the prison system, the department's spokeswoman, Pam

Pattison, said. She said DeBruyn was convinced Tyson's misconduct probably resulted from a prison adjustment problem because it came so early

in his prison term. Tyson was sentenced on March 26, 1992, to six years in prison. His sentence has been reduced a day for each day of good behavior.

FIFA's African Dilemma

Zurich. Their duty is onerous. Given conflicting medical advice concerning meningitis and cholcra in Nigeria, they must opt either to send the cream of 16 nations to compete for the World Youth Charmoneship there are the control of the world Youth Charmoneship there are the control of the world Youth Charmoneship there are the world Youth Charmoneship the world Youth Youth Championship there oext month - or to cancel, postpone or move the event to a safer

Last Friday, a month to the day before the scheduled kickoff, FIFA canceled the event. By Monday the horner's nest was astir. Among the stings was the Organization of African Unity's warning of "negative and grave consequences on Africa's future participation in international football tournaments." A boycott by the continent's 50 countries would deeply wound FIFA.
For Africa is, without doubt, the emerging contioent, the new basin of skills in the world game.
Other political and sporting organizations ac-

cuse FIFA of hypocrisy, of offering the plumb of a prized interna-

tional event and withdrawing it in a manner that insults the Africans'

competence, their integrity, even their race. Nigeria, whose investment in the tournament stands at \$100 million, sent a delega-tion to FIFA House on Monday. It included the

World Health Organization's leading epidemiologist in the region, who refuted claims that the world's young soccer players would be at risk.

So FIFA is to think again. The crux of the whole affair was articulated more than a week

ago by João Havelange, FIFA's aging and auto-cratic president, when he said: "Listen my friend, I do not want one young person suffering any kind of disease on my conscience." The president's conscience? Well there is a

first for everything. African suspicions of Have-lange were aroused in January. He had written, without consultation within FIFA, to Barbosa Rhodes, the head of Nigeria's National Sports Commission, suggesting that the country give up

Disease was not then the concern; Havelange cited a lack of preparedness in facilities and communications. Rhodes repudiated all of this by return letter and the ensuing crossfire was said to have emanated from linguistic difficulties when the two met in Riyadh in January, Rhodes, apparently, attempted to converse in English while Havelange responded in French.

HAS NO ONE at FIFA been introduced to the wonders of professional interpreters? What is so sad is that Havelange has communicated perfectly well with Africans for 21 years. His recently re-election hinged largely on the African vote, in return for which he delivered considerable coaching, medical and financial expertise, plus, above all, an expansion of the World Cup to encourage and accommodate African participation.

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roughshod over his committees, assuming that he will chair the emergency meeting by listening rather than dictating, the beart of the matter should be the medical safety of players.

For the record, the six men who will sit at Havelange's table are: Guillermo Canedo of Mexico, Julio Grondona of Argentina, Lennart Johansson of Sweden, Issa Hayatou of Cameroon, Chung Mong Joon of South Korea and Poul Hyldgaard of Denmark.

Hayatou, president of the African Confederation and a possible future president of FIFA, was

tion and a possible future president of FIFA, was pressed to call on Havelange to convene this meeting. But a more important voice aught to be that of Pierre Tsala Mbala, a professor of medi-

that of Pierre Tsala Mbala, a professor of medicine who also is from Camerooo.

Mbala, representing FIFA's medical committee, was dispatched to Nigeria to assess the situation. His first impression, that there was oo cause for alarm, was altered, he reported, after speaking to World Health Organization officials. In this however, Mbala seems to be at odds with In this, however, Mbala seems to be at odds with the WHO officer who flew to Zurich on Monday.

And Samson Omeruah, president of Nigeria's Football Association, insists that "there is oo health crises. There has been no meningitis. We had a few cases of cholera in December at Cross River, but it was oever an epidemic. Maybe one

or two cases. BUT FIFA, hearing the voices of concern from parents of youths chosen for the tournament, cannot afford maybes.

Then there is Real Madrid, which wishes, for reasons closer to its championship cause than the scare in Cross River, to keep its 17-year-old wonder boy Raul González Blanco at bome. Ajax, too, is anxiously seeking ways to withdraw its players; it would rather that its three star youths (one of them the Nigerian Nwanko Kanu) play in the European Champions' Cup quarterfinal that clashes with the March 11-26.

World Youth Cup.

There is wild talk of Chilean youths being told they need 10 inoculations to enter Nigeria, of Europeans requiring seven. FIFA has said it believes two will suffice: an injection for cholera, one for yellow fever and a maleria tablet a week.

But when the committee has heard the medical reports when it has considered the legal implica-

reports, when it has considered the legal implications should a boy's parents or his club refuse to take the risk, the decision becomes invidious, So does consideration of relocation.

Accusations that Havelange wants to take the event to his oative Brazil are shrugged aside at FIFA House. If it is occessary to look outside Nigeria, the suggestion is that the site could be a westero Europeao couotry.

Germany is ready, while Portugal might be marginally more acceptable to the irate Africans. But should FIFA opt for a MINNESOTA-Released Howard Elsley, word, Signed Dorrick Mortin, guard, to 10postponement, allowing Nige-

ria to prove its clean bill of health, the crowded international schedule intervenes. In June. Sweden stages the women's World Cup; in August, FI-FA's World Uoder-17 Cup is scheduled for Ecuador. Mitch Davis, linebackers,
PHILADELPHIA—Named SHI Callahon
offensive line coach and Dick Jamieson running backs coach.

A lot of cups, a lot of money and, methinks, problems in store in Ecuador.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times. · Manager Phil Neal has left English Premier League club

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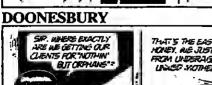












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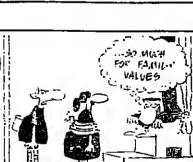
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Gullikson Suffering Rare Tumor

CHICAGO - Tim Gulikson, who coaches top-ranked Pete Sampras and other tennis players, has a rare type of hraio tumor that doctors say is treat-

Gullikson, 43, left the Australian Open in late January to seek treatment at the medical center at the University of Illinois at Chicago after experiencing bouts of dizziness.

He was diagnosed recently with a congenital heart coodition and has had two minor

His physician, Dr. James Ausman, said Monday in a statement that "after undergoing a series of tests, Tim Gullikson was found to have a small brain tumor known as oligodendroglioma."

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"This type of tumor responds very well to treatment. Tim is at home, is doing well and is expected to return to coaching tennis in the near future." Gullikson lives in Wheaton, a suburb of Chicago.

A hospital spokesman said Gulliksoo's family had requested that no further information be released about his medical condition or treatment. The family decided to announce his condition only because Sampras is playing in the St. Jude International Iodoor tennis tournament in Memphis this week, the spokesman said.

"I've been speaking to Tim just about every day and he's in good spirits," Sampras said in a statement released by the ATP Tour. "We've all been thinking

about him," Gullikson's departure from the Australian Open left Sampras emotionally shaken, even on the court.

The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine says that several hundred cases of oligodendroglioma occur in the United States each year. The tumors usually affect young or middle-aged adults.

Treatment includes hrain surgery to remove the tumor whenever possible. Radiation therapy and anti-cancer drugs also may be prescribed.

About one-third of patients survive for five years or more, the reference book says.

IAAF Moves to Reinstate Gordon

when it meets in Gothenburg on May 18-20.

MONTE CARLO (AP) - British discus thrower Peter Gor-

don, whose testicular cancer led inadvertently to a four-year drug

ban by the IAAF, is expected to gain full reinstatement in May.

The IAAF's doping commission unanimously recommended Tuesday that Gordon's suspension be lifted by the IAAF Council

Mike Bellotti, the offensive coordinator at Oregon for six years, was promoted to head coach to replace Rich Brooks, who resigned to coach the NFL's Rams.

(AP)

The NBA approved the sale of the Miami Heat to the family of

Carnival Cruise Lines founder Ted Arison, which had waged a

long and sometimes acrimonious battle to gain control of the

The sale of the Minnesota Timberwolves to Glen Taylor was

Vernon Maxwell, the Houston Rockets' guard suspended for

also approved by the NBA, pending completion of the bond sale that is to finance a buyout of the team's arena. (AP)

hitting a spectator, filed a federal lawsuit claiming that the man,

Steve George, and his brother, Nick George, slandered him by "maliciously accusing him of a crime, namely assault." (AP)

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THE FIRST STEP — Pitcher Hideo Nomo got a good shake from the Los Angeles Dodgers' owner, Peter O'Malley, after signing a minor league contract. The Japanese right-hander, 26, can't pitch in the majors until the strike is settled, but is expected to get a shot at the starting spot left vacant when the Dodgers did not re-sign Orel Hershiser. Nomo, speaking through an interpreter, said, "I am closer to realizing my dream" of playing in the majors leagues. He led Japan's Pacific League in victories and strikeouts four of the last five seasons; he retired so he could play outside Japan.

Strike Puts Minor Leaguers in the Middle

The Cities of Its First 6 Teams

NEW YORK - The United lion per franchise.

By Jennifer Frey New York Times Service

PORT ST. LUCIE, Florida On Thursday morning, Bill Pulsipher, the New York Mets' top minor league prospect, is supposed to get up, shave off his beloved goatee (in accordance with team rules) and report to spring training at the Mets' minor league complex. He is no longer certain that is

When the major league baseball owners decided last month to combine minor league and replacement camps for the first two weeks of spring training, bolding both at teams' minor league facilities, they effectively told players like Pulsipher that

what he is going to do.

report to camp on time. For Pulsipher — and other

union-minded minor leaguers - this creates a difficult problem. If he reports to camp Thursday, Pulsipher fears he will be viewed as unsympathetic decision easier. He said last to the union. If he does not week that all minor league playreport until after the replacement players leave the minor league facility on March 4, he he said the club would not comfears that the club may penalize him for his absence.

"Believe me, I want to be here and I want to play, but it's something I have to think twice about," Pulsipher said after working out here. "If I'm going to be penalized by the organiza-

The Associated Press

Baseball League, which would

be the first on-field challenge to

major league baseball in 82

years, announced its first six

franchises Tuesday.
Los Angeles, New Orleans,
New York, Washington, San
Juan, Puerto Rico, and Vancou-

ver. British Columbia, will be

part of the league when it starts play in 1996, the organizers said.

\$5 million, they said, estimating startup costs at \$20 million per

The most recent major league

expansion teams, the Colorado

Rockies and Florida Marlins.

paid \$95 million apiece to join

the National League in 1993. The fee for the oext expansion

of the major leagues is expected

The cost of each franchise is

they have to play with replace-ment players if they wish to understand what I have to do. report, but that it would not be But if there isn't going to be a penalty, it might be a better decision for me to just wait until March 4."

Joe McIlvaine, the Mets' general manager, is not making the ers were expected to report to camp. But asked to elaborate, municate its policy in regard to players who failed to report until "after we wait and see who is in attendance" at the first work-

out Friday.
On the union side, Gene Orza, general counsel for the players association, said Montion for not showing up, then day that the union would prefer

tempted to form a new league in

the current major league strike.

The major league owners, meanwhile, said they will again

offer contracts to unsigned

players on Friday, but won't agree to salary arbitration and

won't let players, teams or

agents negotiate.

New Baseball League Names

to be \$125 million to \$150 mil-

Pulsipher participated in sched-

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refuse any request to pitch in

major league spring training

games. But as one of the most

high-profile players in the Mets'

minor league system, he is wor-

ried about even the perception

of impropriety.

Pulsipher has already had a taste of the awkwardness that would be inherent in a camp The organizers include agent that includes both replacement Dick Moss and Representative players and prospects like him-self. Jeff Edwards, a 31-year-John Bryant, Democrat of Tex-as. Moss is Donald Fehr's preold left-handed pitcher, signed decessor as general counsel of the Major League Basehall a replacement contract with the Mets during the first week in Players Association and at-February, soon after attending the club's Feb. I tryout camp. For the past week, Edwards has 1990 before abandoning that been using the Mets' minor league facilities, along with Pul-The league has said it will refuse to sign any players who

become replacements during Pulsipher and Edwards know tried to avoid the question of each other. Edwards was a what happened, tried to make a Mets' pitching instructor in joke about it."

1993, and Pulsipher worked Months later

his job this time, hut it could be behind-the-back pass out of someday. Now, though, he is bounds, he was benched and simply a minor league player ridiculed on-site by the coach. Webber shouted back, on cam-

Nelson, a Buyout in Hand, Leaves Warriors in Failure

By Tom Friend New York Tunes Service

OAKLAND, California There is a man overboard, and his oame is Don Nelson. He committed one egregious act: He failed to make peace with 21-year-old Chris Webber. And he paid with his joh.

Nelson and the Golden State Warriors parted ways Monday afternoon, with the coach and general maoager reportedly agreeing to a \$1 million buyout. He left with a cough, a soiled reputation and a son in tears. Once a revered leader, Nelson is the latest coach unable to master Generation X.

"He brought it oo himself," said one of the Warriors' guards, Latrell Sprewell.

The team did not toss him a bon voyage party. In his final made the trade I didn't think I'd days, Nelson was unwelcome in survive this," the coach said the the locker room, and the players proved it by losing 30 of their last 37 games. They wanted an interim coach at all costs, and oow they will see one the rest of this season: The Hall of Fame center Boh Lanier, who was hired as an assistant coach to work with Webber.

It was a turnabout of proportions. One year ago, Nelsoo was coach of Dream Team Il, part owner of the Warriors and the sole proprietor of their personnel department. His in-fluence was limitless. Even a month ago, the furthest he could possibly fall was just to eneral manager.

The moral of the story: Be careful what you wish for. Nelconsidered "a big deal" unless son's Warriors, back in 1993, were only a big man away from the elite, and when Webber deuled spring training games. If he did, Orza said, the union clared himself eligible that year for the annual draft, the coach traded even 21st century draft Pulsipher isn't worned about picks to obtain him. that; he has already decided to

The deal scaled, Nelsoo drank champagne in public. A coach since 1976 and owner of 817 NBA victories, he had always done more with less. But Nelson was about to prove he could do less with more.

The origin of this tidal wave was late 1993. Webber, at the "I don't want to throw to a replacement player," he said. "I don't want to play catch with a replacement player. And I don't are not paying heed to every suggestion from Nelson At want to be caught on film ery suggestion from Nelson. At throwing to whomever they a practice, the coach divided the signed out of some semipro guards and big men into sepaleague to be a replacement — rate corners and privately asked and then have Bobby Bonilla the guards how to reach Websitting in New York watching that on ESPN or whatever, and thinking I'm a scab, too."

Deligher has already had a

ill advised. The players gossiped. One of the guards, Jeff Grayer, told one of the forwards, Billy Owens, that Nelson was blaming Webber for the team's mediocrity. Owens passed this on to Webber, a player known for being oversensitive while at the University of Michigan.

Webher pouted, and a closed-door meeting did oot resolve the matter.

league facilities, along with Pulsipher and a small group of other minor leaguers, in an effort to get into shape.

"Chris went in and said he was playing 110 percent, so don't put that kind of pressure on him," Owens said. "Coach

Months later, during a Charwith him doring extended lotte game in early 1994, an spring training. They got along open-door meeting sealed Webwell. Now, Pulsipher sees him ber's contempt for his coach. "It's kind of weird for me to talk to him," Pulsipher said. "I like the guy and all, but I don't like what he represents."

Webber had asked to attend a Michigan game in Ann Arbor the day before the Charlotte game, and Nelsoo had approved it.

Webber returns to the day before the Charlotte game, and Nelsoo had approved it.

sents someone who is taking an- the coach seemed irritated. other player's joh; it may not be When Webber tossed a reckless era, and, from that day on, the team's cliques multiplied.

Sprewell and Owens sided with Webber. Owens was eveotually traded in training camp for center Rooy Seikaly, and Wehber, a restricted free agent who was steaming at the thought of another year under Nelson, asked out.

Webber said he would oot sign unless he could become an unrestricted free agent in two years, and the organization agreed it was better off cutting losses and trading him oow.

In return, they acquired for-ward Tom Gugliotta and three No. 1 picks from Washingtoo on Nov. 17, and that started their free fall. Sprewell wrote Owens's and Wehber's jersey oumbers oo his sneakers, and Nelson turned fatalistie.

"I told my staff the day we day he ehecked into a hospital with viral pneumonia.

He had lost his health and, worse, his credibility, because players on both seaboards were taking Webber's side. Nelson had coeched Dream Team II at last summer's World Championships, and even those players made inflammatory comments

Meanwhile, other Warriors such as Chris Gatling said they preferred playing for Nelsoo's son and assistant coach, Donn. In fact, Donn Nelson coached the final game before the All-Star break while his father was with his ill mother, and the Warriors triumphed in Denver.

That was the night Donn Nelsoo told guard Tim Hardaway, "Carry this over to the second half of the season." That was also the night Donn Nelson, who will remain with the team only to assist with the 1995 draft, sohbed in the clubhouse. Reality had set in: Dad was a has-been.



Nikolai Khabibulin let a shot by the Stars' Mike Kennedy get between his legs but the Jets still prevailed, 7-4,

It's Crowded at Front **In Short Hockey Races**

The Associated Press The Philadelphia Flyers have

joined the crowd. the National Hockey League's
Atlantic Division, where five
2: Mats Snodin scored his cams are tied for first.

Other division races are tightening, too, with the NHL com-

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

ing up to the one-quarter mark of its lockout-shortened 48-

With Monday night's victory, the Flyers moved into a five-streak in the franchise's last 30 way tie for first place with the years. Their overall record, 8-4-New York Islanders, New York 0, is best in the Western Confer-Rangers, Tampa Bay and Florida, all with 11 points. New Jersey was one point back.

Toronto, meanwhile, beat Chicago and Winnipeg defeat-ed Dallas to tighten up the Central Division race. Chicago leads it hy one point over Detroit, St. Louis and Toronto and by four over Winnipeg.
Mikael Renberg, Chris Ther-

ien and Patrik Juhlin scored goals in less than four minutes of the first period as the Flyers beat the Capitals.

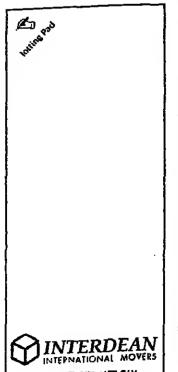
The Flyers, who had been Following a 5-3 victory over struggling, won their second the Washington Capitals, the straight and snapped a three-Flyers are the latest team to game home winless streak make a move toward the top in against Washington.

eighth and ninth goals of the season as the Maple Leafs beat the Blackhawks.

It was the final game of an eight-game road trip for the Blackhawks, who went 6-2 and outscored opponents, 37-15. One more victory and they would have been able to boast of the longest road winning

Jets 7, Stars 4: Nelson Emerson had two goals and Alexei Zhamnov a goal and three assists as the Jets beat the Stars. The Buffalo Sabres oo

Tuesday traded goalteoder Grant Fuhr and defensemen Philippe Boucher and Denis Tsygurov to the Los Angeles Kings for defensemen Alexei Zhitnik and Charlie Huddy and goaltender Robh Stauber.



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Roasting the Rednecks

By Joel Garreau

WASHINGTON — Rednecks, apparently, are the last group about which you can tell ethnic jokes with near impu-

If vou've ever been too drunk ta fish, you might be a redneck. In these sensitive times, ethnic jokes are the last taboo only a fool would take a shot at Mexicans or blacks or Lord help us, feminists, without a glance over the shoulder or a owered voice.

'Gender jokes are out in academic society. You can't tell them. That's almost as bad as racist jokes," reports Peirce Lewis, professor of cultural geography at Penn State. "Feminist jokes! Oh no. No. no, no.

This week, bowever, one Jeff
Foxworthy is one stage of the
Foxworthy is one washington
Theatre in Washington
Jin to flout the mores of our cautious age.

If the most common phrase heard in your house is "Sameone go jiggle the handle," vou might be a redneck.

Foxworthy does not just revel

in his ethnic jokes, he's gone platinum with them. His CD Southern sheriff," says Lewis. You Might Be a Redneck If . . ." is the first comedy al-bum in a decade to do so, His six books have passed 1 million in sales. He's such a bot comic property he's moved out of Marietta, Georgia, to LaLa Land, to a bouse with a pool. No one is picketing him, no one's writing angry letters.

If you've ever had ta haul a can of paint ta the top of a water tawer ta defend your sister's honor, you might be a redneck.

It's a remarkable statement about the evolution of American culture.

"Making jokes about women or hlacks or gays is socially unacceptable in that all of these people were or perhaps still are vic-

tims of circumstances they're not

responsible for," observes Lewis.
But if the test is jokes that you don't have to lower your voice or look over your shoul-der to tell, a remarkably clear swing can now be taken at what were once thought to be economically, geographically, so-cially and intellectually deprived white rural Southerners.

tainment is a six-pack of beer and a bug-zapper, you might be a redneck. Foxworthy is asked: Is Newt Gingrich a redneck?

If your idea af quality enter-

"Yeah, I think so. Rednecks don't really think about stuff before they say it, and then they apologize later. He's right in

Bill Clinton? "Oh yeah. It's all he can do to keep appliances out of the

Jimmy Carter? "Jimmy's a little too amhi-tious to be a reducck. He gets too much done. He's giving us a bad name, building bouses, fly-ing everywhere. Rednecks don't get a lot done."

"Rednecks are not perceived as victims, they are seen as vic-timizers. You know, the old

The acceptability of redneck jokes seems to be tied up in how willing white Americans are to identify with them. "Not one person has ever come up to me and said, 'I want to see you outside'; not one," reports Foxworthy.

Most of the material in his show is not about rednecks. It's about being married, having children, all the experiences of his 36-year life that he jots down in the notebook he constantly carries.

But while that stuff can bring a wry smile, it's not what draws the crowds.

If you've ever mowed your lawn and found a car, you might

A Mystery Writer Confronts Her Own Dark Secret

By John Darnton

DORTMAHOMACK, Scotland I — Interviewing Anne Perry, the detective novelist who harbored the secret of her identity as an adolescent murderer, is frustrating. It's like trying to capture the mist that rolls off the mountains in the Scottish Highlands where she makes ber home.

talk. Far from it. The words come out in compulsive torrents. With little prompting she speaks about her early years, her childhood pneumonia and broughitis, the "courage and love" of ber parents, her deep attachment to ber father, a time of trial in prison. her epiphanic conversion to the Mormon church in Northern California.

It is not that she is reluctant to

It's that when all the words are added up, she has shed little light on the crime that shocked a nation 40 years ago and half a world away. The motives that caused two young girls to conspire and kill the mother of one of them in August 1954, after taking afternoon tea in a sunny park in Christchurch, New Zealand, are as clusive as ever.

"Like any other traumatic experience, nature helps you to put it away," she said. "All I can remember was feeling very afraid and very jammed into a corner. I didn't want to do it and I couldn't think of any way of getting out of it."

She cannot, she says, recall anything at all about the crime itself and very lew details about the subsequent trial, other than "the sense of helplessness when people tell lies about you and you can't say, 'No, that's not

Perry, 55, was lorced to admit her prior identity as 15-year-old Juliet Marion Hulme because of interest in the murder case stirred up by a film, Peter Jackson's "Heavenly Creatures." The film, which she reluses to see, has been playing in the United States since November but did not open here until now.

To counter what she insists is a grotesque and distorted portrait of herself, she has participated in a publicity campaign to tell the world "who I really am." What began as "damage control" has turned into a single-minded and self-absorbed crusade of revelation, obfuscation, justification and attack.

"I think it's time that possibly we question the acceptability of making a film about people who are still living, because of the damage it can she said. "It can ruin lives."

"It's like having some disfigurement and being stripped naked and set up in the High Street Ior everybody to walk by and pay their penny and have a look. I would like to put clothes on and go home, please, be like anybody else."

Six months ago Perry was beginning to enjoy the luxuries of a writer on the verge of making it truly big; a 12-room stone cottage here with a spectacular view of Dornoch Firth and two Jaguars in the driveway. Her 82-year-old mother lives in a fishing

village nearby. Since 1978, her Victorian-era mysteries leaturing Police Superinten-dent Pitt and Inspector Monk have been building a steady readership, especially in the United States, where 3 million copies are in print. Recently she had signed a \$1 million contract to deliver eight more books over the next three years. Her life, outwardly at least, was something of a Scottish idyll, filled with achievement and modest contentment.

Then, with a phone call from her London agent, the idyll ended. The agent was puzzled by calls from a New Zealand reporter with a curious tale, a simple case of mistaken identity, which should be swiftly refuted.
"I had to say, 'I'm sorry, but you can't,' " Perry recalled." 'It is true.'

And so began the mystery writer's long revelation of her own mystery, inning with a visit to her mother, who had expected the secret to hreak someday, and phone calls to friends and colleagues who had no idea of her past. It was, she said, "one of the

worst days I've ever lived through."
The 1954 case was a seminal event Ior New Zealand. It seared the repressive, conservative society like a red-hot poker, the way certain murder cases do.

The prosecutor who won a guilty away from her parents. verdict called it a "coldly, callously planned murder committed by two



Anne Perry, detective novelist, outside her home in Scotland.

highly intelligent and sane hut preco-cious and dirty-minded little girls." They were sent to prison for five and a half years, and released with new identities on the condition that they

never see each other again. The film tries to explain the crime as an outgrow to of an aberrationally intense friendship with lesbian overtones hetween Pauline Yvonne Parker, 16, poor and withdrawn, and Juliet Marion Hulme, 15, affluent and English, who suffered from weak lungs that forced her into periods

Based in part on diaries kept by Pauline, the film depicts the two as

outcasts in school who spin an elaborate lantasy world of movie idols and imaginary princes and villains. As Iamily relationships deteriorate, they are drawn into a peculiar emotional symbiosis and the world turns vio-

And when they are about to be separated, because Juliet is being sent to live with a relative in South Africa and Pauline's mother refuses to let her go along, they decide their only recourse is to murder Pauline's mother. Luring her down a pathway in the park, they repeatedly strike her on the head with a brick inside a stocking. They make no attempt to

cover up the act or even the incriminating, strangely jocular diary in which the plan for "moidering"

mother was laid out. Perry tries to refute this version. She is especially upset at any suggestion of psychological deviance or lesbianism. "I find it grossly oflensive,"

she said. She insists that even as a child she knew "the difference between fantasy and reality." Aside from "normal childhood imagination," she did not construct elaborate games with clay-figures, she says. And she goes so far as to assert that she was not really that close to Pauline. She simply felt a deht of obligation because Pauline had written letters to her when she was confined to a sanitarium.

The details are sketchy, she insists, and perhaps her behavior was affected by a medication she was taking for her lungs that she heard somewhere was later taken off the market because it "warps judgment." She feared that Pauline would die or commit suicide if she did not join in "All I can actually remember feel-

ing is: I don't want to do this. How can I get ont of it, hysterically, how can I get out of it? I can't. Because if I don't do it, she's going to die and that's going to be even worse. I'm going to be responsible for a death one way or the other. And this one stood by me, that one I didn't even

Following her release Irom prison, she returned to England and eventually ohtained a visa to the United States, where she worked as a saleswoman, a limousine dispatcher and a flight attendant. Twenty-six years ago, she converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and

is still an active Mormon. Attempts to distinguish between right and wrong preoccupy her writing. A sense of persecution threads through her conversation, and expressions of remorse are not volunteered. But she says she accepted responsibility for her deed after a few months in prison and "worked through all that." She has not seen or heard from Pauline since the trial ended. "I wish her well," she said. "but I have nothing to say."

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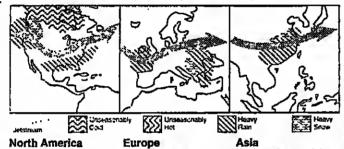
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THE feel-good story of a simpleton who L triumphs in the end, "Forrest Gump," has received 13 Academy Award nominations including best picture. For its star, Tom Hanks, it is also a chance to rake in a second consecutive Oscar for best actor.
Also nominated for best picture were
"Four Weddings and a Funeral." "Pulp
Fiction." "Quiz Show" and "The Shawshank Redemption." The winners will be announced March 27, at a ceremony conducted by the TV talk show host David Letterman, Besides Hanks, who won the award last year for his work as a lawyer with AIDS in "Philadelphia," the best ac-

tor nominees were Morgan Freeman in "The Shawshank Redemption," Nigel Hawthorne in "The Madness of King George III," Paul Newman in "Nobody's Fool" and John Travolta in "Pulp Fiction." Jodie Foster, who already has won twice, was nominated for best actress for her starring role in "Neil." She will face "Tom and Viv," Winona Ryder in "Little Women" and Susan Sardon in "The Client." Nominated for best director were Woody Allen for "Bullets Over Broadway." Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"). Quentin Tarantino ("Pulp

Fiction"), Robert Redford ("Quiz Show") and Krzysztol Kieslowski of Poland ("Red"), Nominations for best foreignlanguage film were Macedonia's "For the Rain," Russia's "Burnt hy the Sun," Tai-wan's "Eat Drink Man Woman," Belgium's "Farinelli: Il Castrato" and Cuba's Strawberry and Chocolate."

He's been dead for 95 years, hut Oscar Wilde has finally been recognized in the Poets Corner of Westminster Abbey in London. A stained glass window has been dedicated to his memory there as Britain, once so shocked over his affair with Lord Alfred Douglas, has "lorgiven" Wilde on the 100th anniversary of his play, "The Importance of Being Earnest." At the ceremony, Dame Judi Dench and Michael Denison were to play a scene from the play, Sir John Gielgud, 90, was to read from Wilde's poetry, and an address was to be given by the Irish poet Seamus Heaney.

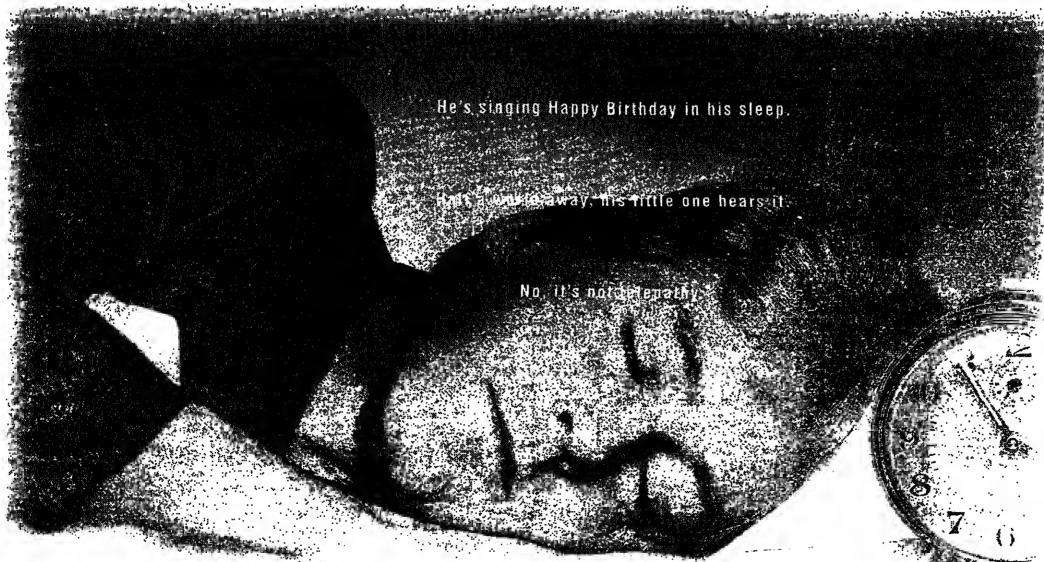
Chuck Norris, the action-movie actor, will be a grand marshal in the Krewe of

Endymion's Mardi Gras parade in New

Orleans on Feb. 25.



BEATS AN OSCAR — The actress Michelle Pfeiffer, accompanied by a student, John Berman, at the parade of Harvard's Hasty Pudding Club which named her Woman of the Year.



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